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GRAPHIC DETAILS OF WILHELMSHAVEN RAIDS RELEASED

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The fact that the British air force raiders on German warships at Wilhelmshaven and Brunsbüttel on September 4 swooped so low that they almost touched a warship masthead, and saw in vivid detail all that was happening on her decks and the quayside, was revealed in an eye-witness account just issued.

The leader of the first flight of three machines described how they started at 4 p.m. in fine weather and soon encountered foul weather.

They reached Wilhelmshaven in two hours and could see a warship taking on stores from tenders, and could even see some washing on the line.

"WE DROPPED OUR BOMBS"

"The ship's crew began to run fast to their stations, and we dropped our bombs."

The second pilot flying behind saw two hits, and he took a photograph just before he dropped his first bomb.

As he turned homeward, machine gun bullets, looking like blue electric sparks, began to zip past his wing-tip.

The third pilot saw the first bomb dropped from the second bomber and said that it appeared to drop amid-

Blockade And The Neutrals

America Defines Its Position

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The effectiveness of the British contraband control system is revealed in an official statement, which says that already large quantities of contraband have been prevented from reaching the enemy.

Replying to the German wireless distortion of the purpose of the British contraband policy as strangulating neutral trade, a statement emphasises that Britain does not seek to dictate to any neutral Government.

She will do all in her power to facilitate bona fide neutral trade, and no attempt will be made in any way to prevent normal importation into neutral countries of foodstuffs and other goods and material destined for their own consumption.

U.S. Position

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the course of a formal statement on the attitude of the United States towards the blockade announced by the belligerent States, Mr. Cordell Hull today declared:

"The Government reserves all rights of the United States and its nationals under international law, and will adopt measures as may seem most practical and prudent when those rights are violated by any belligerent."

He added that the United States Government gave the widest possible notice to American shipping with regard to the danger.

It had warned American nationals and American shipping against actual danger in any other respect as situations, involving such a danger, were brought to its attention, whether these situations were lawful or unlawful activities of belligerents.

It endeavoured to exercise all due diligence in the protection of American lives and property, and it must expect American nationals likewise to exercise due diligence in keeping clear of danger, actual or potential.

Searching U.S. Ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, declared at a press conference today that, as far as he was advised, there was nothing seriously unusual in the searching of American ships by Britain and of the taking off of contraband.

It is revealed that Mr. Cordell Hull is to make a speech at the New York World's Fair on Thursday, September 21.

Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information issued a statement this afternoon to the effect that Nazi propaganda is now taking the form of threats to neutral nations.

Neutrals are now being told plainly just what Germany considers to be neutrality and unneutrality. The Nazi radio is distorting the British contraband regulations, which it alleges are a measure designed to strangle neutral trade.

It is up to the neutral States to judge for themselves from what quarter comes the threat to them—from the Axis, or with the Nazi submarine campaign and thinly veiled menaces, declares the Ministry of Information.

GLOOM IN BERLIN

Germans Now Have Two Meatless Days

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Life in Berlin becomes gloomier every day, says a report reaching Brussels.

The Germans now have two meatless days a week—Mondays and Fridays—though there is little meat on other days.

More fish than meat is to be seen on the restaurant menus. Petrol is to be rationed still further next week, and only certain officials will be allowed to obtain supplies.

Several domestic textile articles are no longer being manufactured in Germany.

Housewives have been warned that none will be available when the present stocks are exhausted.

A shortage of domestic coal is also feared.

Germany says she will continue to export coal to neutral countries, but this will prove difficult as the Saar coalfield has been partly occupied by the French.

COMMUNIST ATTITUDE

Soviet Allegations Against Poland

MOSCOW, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Allegations of the oppression of "Russian minorities" in Poland, numbering 8,000,000, are made by "Pravda", the official Communist organ, which asserts that the Polish ruling circles have done everything possible to aggravate relations with national minorities to bring them to a state of extreme tension.

"Pravda" analyses the internal causes of Poland's "defeat" and says these are difficult to explain merely by the superiority of German technique, equipment and lack of effective assistance from Britain and France.

Poland's "Disintegration"

"All reports in the situation in Poland show that disorganisation of the entire Polish State machinery is constantly increasing. It proved so impotent and inefficient that it began to crumble with the first military setbacks."

"Poles are only 60 per cent. of the population; the remainder include 3,000,000 Ukrainians and 3,000,000 White Russians without autonomy, national schools, etc."

"It is clear that without such rights it is impossible to preserve a multi-national State and to assure internal unity and vital power."

No Cause For Disquiet

MOSCOW, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A rumour that the Polish Embassy was preparing to leave Moscow is categorically denied in authoritative Polish circles here.

It is stated that M. Gryzbowski, the Polish Ambassador, has not packed for his passport.

Competent Polish circles here do not profess disquiet over the "Pravda" editorial regarding alleged mistreatment of Russian minorities in Poland, and disagree with some foreign quarters here which regard the editorial as a Soviet statement of interest in the fate of the Ukrainian and White Russian minorities in Poland.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out from the Mount Davis area between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight to-day, and between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon to-morrow. Firing Area 'D' will be affected.



GDYNIA (shown above) has fallen to the Germans after being besieged since the outbreak of hostilities. The garrison in the Polish seaport—which is opposite Danzig—has been entirely isolated from the main Polish forces but until yesterday morning defied all attempts by the Germans to enter the city.

Lwow Faces Nazi Encirclement

GALLANT LOSING FIGHT BY POLES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Sept. 14 (UP).—Apparently authentic reports from the Polish front assert that the southern sectors have reached a state of dissolution as a result of the heavy German artillery and airplane attacks west of Lwow, which are alleged to have destroyed the backbone of resistance in that section.

The German troops are moving toward a virtual encirclement of the city.

According to neutral reports, the German mechanised units have already proceeded a considerable distance to the south-west of Lwow and are now probably in the neighbourhood, if not actually occupying, Stanislawow, half-way to the Rumanian border.

Western Success

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The reported recapture of Lodz has greatly heartened the Polish population, according to news from Belgian sources in Warsaw.

The defence of the capital is continuing with renewed enthusiasm, and encouraging measures are coming from various other fronts, where it is claimed the Poles have now taken the initiative.

Those who have examined the Warsaw battlefield report that the Germans suffered great losses during their withdrawal.

According to a correspondent of the "Reuter", they left thousands of dead and many prisoners.

The correspondent says that the recapture of Lodz was accomplished by marching towards Kutno.

The Germans neglected to protect their rearward and their positions were easily turned.

Decisive Success

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Polish Embassy in London says that Polish troops scored a decisive success west of Warsaw, when Nazi divisions were defeated and 1,000 prisoners and large quantities of war materials were captured.

Nearing Brest-Litovsk

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—News of fighting in Poland to-day came chiefly from Nazi sources, and the full Polish version of the events is not yet to hand.

The Nazis claim that their troops are approaching Brest-Litovsk, formerly as the town where the Bolsheviks signed the treaty with Germany in 1918, ending Russian participation in the Great War.

The town is 120 miles east of Warsaw.

The Nazis also claim that the 18th Polish Division, together with its staff and much equipment, has been captured.

German outposts, it is claimed, are nearing Lemberg, and the Lemberg-Lublin road is said to have been cut.

The Poles admit that German mechanised units have appeared 40 miles east of Warsaw.

Indians and Buffalo Again

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.

Visitors who are in Thermopolis next Sept. 8 and 4 probably may dive for the nearest exit when they see a band of painted, whooping Indians charge down on a herd of buffalo and fire arrows into the animals' flanks. It'll just be a stunt at the fifth edition of the annual Thermopolis rodeo.

British, French Request To Italy

Protecting Interests In Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 15 (Domei).—A London despatch to the "Japan Times" says that the British Government is expected to make fresh representations to Italy shortly, asking for the withdrawal of Italian troops from Libya and of the concentration of Italian naval forces at such positions as will hamper the operations of the British Fleet.

The report states that the British Government will persuade France to join in the representations.

Egypt, which recently announced her participation in the European war, will also co-operate with Britain in this connection.

The despatch reveals that the British and French Governments have already made representations to the Italian Government, requesting the withdrawal of Italian troops from Libya and a guarantee for her neutrality in the European war.

These representations from London and Paris, however, have been flatly rejected by Signor Mussolini, the London despatch alleges.

LATEST

Western Front Widens

Fighting Now On 90-Mile Line

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A French communiqué says that local advances have been made on the Saar front and some prisoners taken.

French troops are on German soil along a 90-mile front between Moselle and the Rhine.

The Siegfried Line is now under observation.

Our operations have been impeded by the weather, but our air forces have been active, and many more German planes have been brought down than have been lost by the French air force.

Nazi Apprehension

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A French army statement says that troops in the Saar area made gains one mile in depth on a 12-mile front to-day.

Official circles in Paris state that the German action in blowing up the Trier-Metz railway near the Luxembourg frontier indicates the apprehension of the German High Command over the French progress on the Western Front.

Prisoners Taken

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A communiqué records "local advances in the course of which we took some prisoners."

Advance Continues

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—French forces operating in the Saar region have taken up positions on a row of hills south and south-east of Saarbrücken.

Their advance continues, despite heavy German artillery barrages on the French lines of communication.

French artillery in the Moselle Line is answering the German fire.

French warplanes yesterday bombed heavy concentrations of German artillery behind the Siegfried Line.

The French regard this reinforcement of German artillery as a sign that the Germans feel that the French operations are no longer an advance.

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ANOTHER SHIP TORPEDOED

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The 4,955-ton British steamer Vancouver City, wrecked at 11.12 a.m. British Standard Time, that she had been attacked in the Atlantic and that the crew were taken to the boats.

The American President Roosevelt, who was in the "Vancouver City" when it was torpedoed, later reported that the crew of the Vancouver City had been picked up by a Dutch tanker, and by the British.

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NEWS FLASHES

FORMER KING MEETS KING

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Duke of Windsor was today received by the King.

It was the first meeting of the royal brothers for nearly three years.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—After referring to the state of alliance between Britain and Iraq, Mr. R. A. Butler stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Iraqi Government had made it clear they were prepared to carry out the treaty obligations both in letter and spirit (cheers).

Mr. Butler expressed His Majesty's appreciation for the loyal and friendly attitude of their ally.

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—According to a report in "Le Journal", Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, has been shot by the Nazis because he refused to sign a manifesto urging Austrians to fight for the German cause.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day the Prime Minister was asked if it was intended to establish a Ministry of Munitions.

The Premier replied that the powers granted by Parliament in the Ministry of Supply Act were sufficiently wide to cover any developments and functions for a Ministry which might be required.

The existing arrangements were working very satisfactorily and much expansion had already taken place.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The native chiefs of Uganda have pledged their loyalty to the Empire.

Messages of loyalty have been received from British territories in the Western Pacific, including Fiji.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to compile a universal national register.

CONEY ISLAND BLAZE

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Coney Island, New York's famous amusement centre, is on fire.

The fire started in an empty wax-works museum and spread with amazing rapidity.

The main centre of Coney Island, known as the Steeplechase, is almost completely destroyed.

Magician, 107, on Road

Rome. Fano Fortunato claims to be the world's oldest magician. He's probably right since he is 107. His assistant is his daughter, who is a mere 80. They still tour Italy, earning a few lire by doing card tricks at village fairs.

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WESTERN FRONT WIDENS

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on outposts, but a threat to the Nazi's western wall.

Neutral People Watch West Front Battle

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The French launched an offensive this afternoon near Perl, in the Moselle district, on the extreme western part of the Franco-German frontier.

Watchers on the Luxembourg side of the frontier saw the French tanks move into action after heavy artillery preparation.

The German outposts were compelled to withdraw and engineers blew up the railway line to stem the advance.

The roar of the battle could be heard as far away as the city of Luxembourg. The authorities immediately ordered evacuation of Schengen, at the southernmost tip of Luxembourg.

A.R.P. EXAMINATION

Following is the result of an examination for air raid warden instructors and air raid wardens. Candidates were instructed by Mr. S. Jones.

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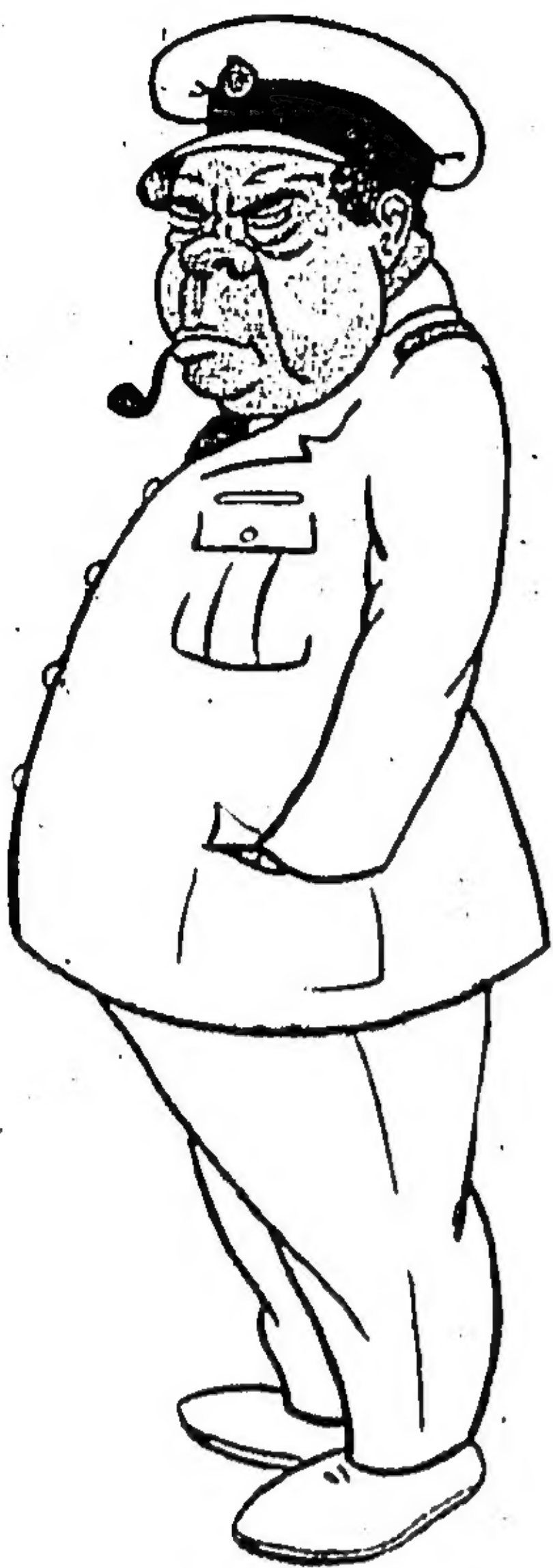
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Censorship

RELATIONSHIP between the Gov-
ernment and the Press in times
of national emergency may be re-
garded as within the ambit of or-
ganisation for national defence. In
war-time some degree of control is
inevitable and necessary, and the
Press is the first to admit that its
freedom, so jealously guarded in
times of peace, must be subordinated
to national interests in times of war.
It is all-important, however, that
the control should be as little as
possible the proper function of the
Press, which is to inform and con-
solidate public opinion.

The Ministry of Information in
London has already created several
psychological blunders which have
done much to undermine confidence
in the Press—notable being the delay
and confusion in the release of in-
formation regarding the sinking of
the Athenia, the silence regarding
the Royal Air Force exploit at Kiel
and the muddle over news of the
transfer of the British Expeditionary
Force to France.

British news agencies have been
hampered to such an extent by the
restrictions imposed firstly by the
Ministry of Information and, second-
ly, by the strict censorship of all
outgoing traffic, that their reports are
probably seldom published in the big
cities of the world, which give pride
of place in their columns to the news
agency which first provides the story.
In Hongkong we have cases in point.
"Reuters", apparently, were not even
permitted to mention the final
ultimatum to Germany, for the only
report received in Hongkong of this
momentous decision was carried by
"United Press". Again, the only
News Agency report of the actual
declaration of a State of War be-
tween Britain and Germany published
on the day war started was from
the American agency, the "Reuters"
report being delayed en route for
some hours.

If the Ministry of Information and
the British and Colonial censors in-
tend to maintain the type of
muzzling which was enforced during
the Great War they are committing
a blunder of the first magnitude. In
these days, it is possible for people
living in every corner of the world
to obtain first-hand information of
events by radio, and the only effect
of delay and undue censorship will
be to turn the public from their
newspapers (which, in British lands,
are naturally pro-British) to their
radio receivers, which owe loyalty to
no country and no ideals, but obey
the dictates of the hand that turns
the dials.

In Hongkong, listeners can, and do,
turn to Shanghai and to Manila for
uncensored news and comment. They
can, and do, turn to Zeelen for the
German version of the war. They
can obtain up-to-the-minute coverage
from San Francisco.

Hongkong newspapers and, through
them, the Hongkong public are prob-
ably typical of any part of the over-
seas British Empire. Hongkong
newspapers are British, first and
foremost.

Impetuous interference with the
news is merely inviting readers to
turn from these newspapers, which
are of a known quality, to the radio.
As Mr. Greenwood stated in the
House of Commons yesterday, by
clamping down a shutter of silence,
the Ministry of Information and the
censors, either at the despatching, or

Beneath the heel of their new conqueror the Czech people
are not squirming. Day and night the Czech Mafia organises
resistance to the Germans, sabotages their factories, holds
up their plans. What is this secret society of patriots?
Here a member of the Mafia—who must obviously remain
anonymous—tells you something of the way in which

THE CZECHS ARE STANDING UP TO GERMANY

"THE MAFIA MUST BE
EXTIRPATED," DECLARED
Herr Himmler, head of the German
Police and Gestapo, after his recent
visit to Czechoslovakia.

What is this Mafia against which
Himmler's hate is directed? It has no
connection with the Sicilian Mafia of
50 years ago. It is a secret political
organisation, founded during the Great
War to fight against the Hapsburgs for
Czech independence. Its leaders were
Thomas G. Masaryk and Eduard Benes.
Its objective attained, the Mafia dis-
solved.

To-day, with Czechoslovakia once
more under a foreign tyranny, it has
been resurrected, led in part by the
same men who founded it. To the ex-
perience gained during the old "fight
in the dark" against the Hapsburgs,
the Mafia has added some of the
methods used by the Henlein Nazis in
Sudetenland before Munich.

THE CZECH MAFIA HAS TWO
sections, the organisation abroad and
the internal secret society. Both are
led by Dr. Benes and the friends who
fled the country when the Nazis
marched in. Its members, small in
number, include industrialists and
workmen, police officials and Army
officers, typists and porters. In it
members of different political parties
sink their differences to attain the
common end—national freedom.

The centres outside Czechoslova-
kia are at Paris and Chicago. As
during the world war, it is the Ameri-
can Czechs who find most of the money,
but now, inside the country itself, a
secret fund is being organised.

Between Paris and Prague there is
a regular "underground" system of
couriers. Money, material for propa-
ganda, and orders are sent in; news,
information about internal conditions,
are sent out.

THE AIM OF THE MAFIA IS TO
free the Czech people. But it knows
that to foment a revolution against the
Nazis would at present be suicidal.
History has taught, however, that con-
ditions may change in a night.

So the Mafia keeps alight the
flame of freedom, prepares the people
for the day when the blow must be
struck.

Most important of the work inside
the country is to counter German propa-
ganda. During the last few months
the Mafia has honeycombed the coun-
try with its cells.

A member finds half a dozen
patriots whom he can trust. They set
to work preparing leaflets, anti-Ger-
man propaganda of all kinds.

Recently thousands of Czech
families received a communication
headed: "Ten Laws for Loyal Czechs."
It was flaming summons to have faith
in a higher justice and the ultimate
triumph of right, and ended: "Trust
Benes. Never forget our national
motto, Pravda Vitezi (Truth Pre-
vails)." It went through the post
with the help of the Mafia organisa-
tion inside that civil service.

Another method used to reach the
masses is chain-letters containing im-
portant and truthful news of the in-
ternal and the international situation.
Small leaflets, printed on illegal
presses, are distributed in thousands.
Recently the Gestapo seized six such
presses but there are plenty more to
fill the gap. Czech master printers do
not care to know why their workmen
spend so much time at the works dur-
ing the evenings.

When the Nazis changed the
street names from Masaryk, Revolution
and Freedom Streets to Hitler or
Horst Wessel, the Mafia called out its
painters and the next morning the
streets had their old names again.

Two pirate radio transmitters
have been in operation. They broad-
cast recordings of news, extracts from
speeches in the House of Commons
and the French Parliament. The Ges-
tapo traced one transmitter to a wood
and seized it. But the Mafia men
working it got away.

THE MAFIA WORKS NOT
only against the Nazis but against
the Czech Fascists. A few so-called
"Nationalists" helped the Germans.
The Mafia knows them, has marked
them down and destroyed what in-
fluence they had.

The Mafia, too, knows the agents-
provocateurs, shadows them, exposes
them, and frequently organises their
"disappearance." The attempts of the
Czech Fascists to stir up race-hatred
and anti-Semitism are exposed. Anti-
Semitism is merely a mask used by the
Nazis, says the Mafia; and distributes
thousands of leaflets to hammer home
the point.

One of the most remarkable fea-
tures of the Mafia is its organisation
for collecting information. It has its
agents in official departments, and often
has information of Government
"secrets" as soon as the Government
itself. It taps telephone lines, and, in-
cidentally, when doing this work, it
found a number of secret lines laid by
the Sudeten Nazis. Needless to say,
such lines were destroyed, except when
the Mafia thought it could put them to
better uses.

With the good will of thousands
of workers, and with their active co-
operation, the Mafia organises espion-
age and sabotage in key industries of

vital importance to the Nazis. Indis-
pensable blue-prints which cannot be
reproduced disappear; measuring in-
struments get out of gauge, and in an
armament factory where a thousandth
of an inch is of vital importance, in-
describable havoc can be caused by
such methods.

It was Mafia agents who strewed
sand in machinery in the Skoda arma-
ment works, and who used hypodermic
syringes to impregnate copper arma-
tures on dynamos with acid, irretriev-
ably ruining them.

Chemical formulae have been
stolen and sent abroad, and a check
is kept on the production of armaments
and information of new types and de-
velopments is sent to Paris. There is
no secret which the Mafia does not
know.

WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS
of Czech workmen were sent to
Germany, the Mafia agents went with
them, formed cells, got into touch with
"underground" elements in Germany,
and spread the net of factory sabotage
over the Reich itself. They organised
espionage, working hand in hand with
the German Freedom Front, stirring
the German masses to join with them
in resistance to the Nazis.

Another activity of the Mafia is
in organising the escape of political
suspects. The Mafia group at Ma-
hrisch-Ostrau, near the Polish frontier,
have specialised in this work and
smuggled scores of their fellow-
countrymen across the frontier to
safety. Their intimate knowledge of
the mountains and forests, the active
sympathy of the local population, have
enabled the Mafia to defy all attempts
of the Gestapo to curtail such activi-
ties.

And, most important of all, the
Mafia is succeeding in its main objects
of maintaining the morale of the Czech
people and of keeping their spirit un-
broken.

DISCONTENT AMONG THE
Czechs is increasing, and with it
resistance to the conquerors. The
underground fight grows keener every
day, and resistance, while unostentatious,
is resolute, active and efficient.

The Mafia members have 25 years'
experience behind them; they have,
too, the support of the Czech youth
who have enjoyed 20 years of indepen-
dence and know what it means. They
have also a greater measure of
sympathy from the world outside than
they had 25 years ago when the Czech
people were scarcely known.

That people will not cease in its
struggle for freedom, and in that struggle
the Mafia will play, as it played
before, the dominating role.

The Navy Forbade Sunday Flying

WHEN AVIATION WAS BORN IN ENGLAND

WHEN King George came to
the throne in 1910 he did
not hold a review of his armed
forces in the air—and for a
very simple reason. There
were none.

How could anyone even con-
template an air review at a time
when, out of a population of
millions, only eight persons had
qualified as pilots—all of them
civilians?

FRIGHTENING HORSES
It was not until shortly after the
Coronation celebrations that an en-
thusiastic Army officer gained his
flying certificate and took his ma-
chine to the autumn manoeuvres. He
was the subject of dignified curiosity,
and that was about all. Command-

receiving ends, are inviting people to
turn elsewhere for their information.
Too much censorship makes news-
papers unreliable, discredited and—
worse sin of all—dull. We are the
first to admit the necessity of censor-
ship in war-time but we hope that
the typical example of local methods
which we reproduce elsewhere in
this issue is not to become a perma-
nent phase of relationship between
Hongkong newspapers and the cen-
sors appointed by the Hongkong
Government.

ing officers made a joke of the en-
terprise. Cavalrymen were particu-
larly obnoxious. They shooed the
machine away because they feared it
might frighten the horses!

So far as aeronautical effort in the
Services was concerned at that time,
activity was limited to the work of
a few balloons at Farnborough. It
seems odd to think that a weapon
which at the beginning of the King's
reign was militarily non-existent is
now dominant in warfare.

Only a few months before July,
1910, had the real possibilities of
aviation begun to attract attention.
The Rheims meeting had taken
place. Doncaster and Blackpool had
held flying meetings. Latham had
won the leading prize at the latter
place in October, 1909, for flying a
distance of less than six miles in a
high winged monoplane.

S. F. Cody had gained praise be-
cause, in September, his "Flying
Cathedral" flew for 80 yards. Mr.
Handley Page had produced what
was to be, a little later, the first
aeroplane to fly over London. It
was called "The Antislip" because
it was coated with a non-rusting
composition. Col. Moore-Brabazon
had won a prize of £1,000 in March,

1910, for flying a circular mile. Avia-
tors who had learned to fly on the
Continent were being given huge
fees for brief demonstrations.

68 M.P.H. SPEED RECORD

Not until after the Coronation did
a Frenchman succeed in winning a
prize of £10,000 by making a flight
from London to Manchester in
four hours and 40 minutes. The
effort was a wonderful. The world's
speed record in the air for the year
1910 was less than 68 miles per
hour, and the first flight from Lon-
don to Paris was still unattempted.

It was not until 1911 that the Ad-
miralty graciously allowed four
naval officers to learn to fly on ma-
chines which a patriotic civilian had
generously presented, together with
an aerodrome. On one thing, how-
ever, the Admiralty was very firm.
There must not be any flying on
Sundays. The War Office at that
time had not even formed the Air
Battalion which preceded the estab-
lishment, in 1912, of the Royal
Flying Corps.

The Coronation celebrations came
at a period in which flying was a
most hazardous affair. The specu-
lation in regard to a new machine
was not how fast or how far it could

go, but the very much more doubt-
ful one of "Will it fly?" Many in
the old days simply would not leave
the ground, and all had to wait for
perfect weather conditions before
making the attempt.

At the outset, pilots judged con-
ditions by means of their cigarette
smoke. If the smoke ascended ver-
tically, the conditions were safe.
The slightest ripple of wind along
the grass filled them with appre-
hension. Spectators had to be pa-
tient, and wait for hours, for even
if the wind was absent, any one of
hundred complications might re-
sult in the engine not functioning
as desired.

Looking back, however, the really
extraordinary thing is that the
daring pilots of the thoroughly un-
sound machines which were at first
produced were able to avoid being
killed. Cody, relied on a bamboo
structure. Sir Allott Verdon "Roe"
used a special kind of paper, with
which to cover the wings of his early
aeroplanes. Engines at first had a
chain drive. Wright machines ran
along a rail in order to take off.
At the time of the Coronation,
and for long after, parachutes were
used for all practical purposes unknown.
Attempts to ensure safety were be-
ing made from a different angle.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling expressed
the opinion in 1910 that some form
PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGE

Shanghai Talks

No Decision
Reached
British Statement
Issued

At the conference the Japanese suggested revision of the defence arrangements in Shanghai. The foreign commanders present—British, American and Italian—agreed that such revision may be necessary and asked the Japanese to make concrete suggestions. The Japanese said they would have to formulate them, whereupon the meeting adjourned indefinitely.—Reuter.

Maintaining Status

Chungking, Sept. 14. A Shanghai message quotes a spokesman of the British Embassy as saying that Britain will not relinquish her interests in the International Settlement.

The spokesman is also reported to have said that, in spite of the outbreak of a European war, Britain and the United States are firm in their determination to co-operate in the maintenance of the present status of the Settlement.

According to another Shanghai message, the Shanghai Municipal Council is carefully studying the extra-Settlement road issue, but so far has not taken it up with the Japanese. Recently there have been a few incidents arising from the policing of the roads.—Central Press.

Japan's Attitude

Tokyo, Sept. 14. Japan's policy of non-intervention in the European war has apparently yet to be properly understood by foreign countries, especially France and Great Britain, according to official circles in Tokyo.

These circles point out on the basis of information received that the statement made by Premier Abe last Saturday attributing the European war to Hitler's alleged miscalculations about the powers of Britain, France and Poland, was given considerable prominence by British and French newspapers, which apparently jumped to the conclusion that Japan has decided to throw in her lot with Britain and France.

Japanese official circles stress that nothing could be further from the truth, since Japan intends to stick to her non-intervention policy in the European war. Literally, they also charge that the Premier's statement is misquoted by foreign newspapers.—Domei.

Municipal Police

Shanghai, Sept. 14. Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of the Municipal Police, denied Japanese reports that the Municipal Police planned to fill the posts vacated by Britons, who were called to the colours, with "talented Japanese."

He said that he never declared that he did not intend to employ other nationals. The Japanese reports that the Municipal Police were discriminating because it allowed British officers to use sub-machine-guns but did not plan to train Japanese in the use of Tommy guns. Major Bourne refused to give a definite answer when asked the Municipal Police attitude regarding requests for a special municipality to take over control of the extra-Settlement roads. He said that their attitude would depend upon what action is taken by the Municipal Council.—United Press.

Soviet Consul Moves

Shanghai, Sept. 14. The Soviet Consulate is shifting back to its old site on Whangpoo Road, next to the Japanese Consulate in Consular Row on the Japanese side of Soochow Creek.

The Soviet is evacuating the premises which it formerly rented in the French Concession. Although the move is not explained, many believe that the Soviet is not willing to remain in the French concession in the present situation.—United Press.

WILL TAKE
ACTIONFood Controller Asks
For Specific Cases

Immediate action against profiteers breaking the food price control laws was promised yesterday by the Controller of Food (Mr. R. R. Todd) who asked that the public communicate direct with him, giving specific instances.

"Vague generalities such as have been contained in recent correspondence to the Press are next to useless for Government enquiry," declared Mr. Todd. "Communications have been issued by the Board and have dealt extensively with the prices to be charged."

"The solution of the problem of exorbitant charges which has fallen on the shoulders of many householders is a simple direct communication with me and a statement of specific facts will receive my immediate attention and rectification."

"The naming of grievances in anonymous letters to the Press is useless for practical purposes," said Mr. Todd. "The Control Board is the only proper body to whom such letters should be addressed."

Mr. Todd said that, since the Government order had been published, a few people had communicated with the Control Board and the immediate inquiry made into their complaints.

WESTERN FRONT OFFENSIVE
BY NAZI FORCES EXPECTEDBut
French
Maintain
Gains

London, Sept. 14. A fierce German artillery action on the Western Front is referred to both in the French and German communiqués.

The Germans declare that stronger French units than hitherto advanced into German territory between Saarbrücken and Hornbach in the advance of the western wall units which were stopped by minefields and gunfire.—Reuter.

Big Drive By Germans?

Paris, Sept. 14. Heavy German artillery fire continues to pound the French all today. During yesterday's French advance west of Saarbrücken the Germans all the morning shelled the road intersections behind the French advanced lines, for which reason the French are speculating as to whether the Germans are preparing a big counter offensive or are keeping up heavy artillery fire to prevent further advances.

It is unofficially stated that on the north-west extremity of the front, which is exerting pressure on both banks of the Sarre and on the right bank of the Moselle by the frontiers of Luxembourg, operations are seriously threatening sections of the Siegfried Line.

Heavy German reinforcements are reported to have been rushed to Trier and Saarbrücken. Other reports stated that German reinforcements were arriving opposite Strasbourg.

The French advance on both banks of the Horn has brought that sector into line with the western sector along the Saarbrücken suburbs, thus giving the French practically an unbroken front. The most important phase will be the next phase.

Rain and wind hampered the Western Front operations and artillery was active on both sides. The German artillery cut a number of the French lines, but the French immediately silencing one German battery and permitting the French to continue to fortify their positions.

It is reported from Luxembourg that the German blew up their Trier-Metz railway line near the Luxembourg frontier late this afternoon. A considerable quantity of debris landed in Luxembourg.

German Artillery Active

The road would have been of major strategic value if it fell into French hands. It traverses a triangle which the Germans were unable to fortify before the outbreak of hostilities and where several costly and unsuccessful counter-attacks were launched yesterday.

There are indications that heavy German artillery is doing its utmost to halt the slow, methodical French advance. The French operations are emerging from advance guard action and threatening important German positions.

It is unofficially reported that the French advanced columns in the Saar Valley have captured many mines. A number of other points are still nominally under German control but rendered unworkable owing to heavy French artillery constantly pouring shells into the principal roads and highways. The French artillery is not shelling Saarbrücken, but keeping the evacuation of city practically cut off on three sides by uninterrupted fire on all roads.

British air force units are reported to be co-operating with the French squadrons in pounding the heavy German artillery rushed into the Saar Valley to stem the French advance.

British infantry has not yet entered into action. According to well-informed quarters, the British are still arriving but there is no indication when they will go into action.—United Press.

French Maintain Gains

Paris, Sept. 14. "Not an inch of French soil has been trampled by German troops," declared the Petit Parisien military writer.

"On the other hand our troops are treading German soil from one end of the Rhine Moselle front to the other—from the north-east of Sierck to the district north of Lauterbourg. They advanced several kilometres, particularly in the Warndt forest."

"Further east between the rivers Sarre and Horn a fairly substantial advance has been made and there were patrol encounters."

"The new thrust to the north on both banks of the Horn has enabled us to advance our front to the same depth as in the west—to the suburbs of Saarbrücken. Enemy artillery reacted strongly, doubtless to cover the retreating infantry movements to occupy the field works around Saarbrücken."—Reuter.

British Experts Arrive

Paris, Sept. 14. Reports that hundreds of thousands of British troops are arriving already in France are grossly exaggerated. It is officially admitted that the British are arriving, but it is emphasized that the first detachments were for practical purposes, said Mr. Todd. "The Control Board is the only proper body to whom such letters should be addressed."

Mr. Todd said that, since the Government order had been published, a few people had communicated with the Control Board and the immediate inquiry made into their complaints.

Germany Puzzled By
Soviet Preparations

London, Sept. 14.

The ominous Soviet preparations are causing the German, British and French governments anxiety owing to the mystery of the Soviet intentions.

Reports emanating from Moscow that the Soviet is mobilising on a full war time basis in western Russia, estimate that there are at least 4,000,000 under arms.

The German Government is reported to be surprised at the extent of Russian mobilisation, particularly at the distribution not only on the Polish frontier, but the entire frontier of Finland and Rumania.

Apparently the Germans are no more cognisant than the allies of the reasons for these warlike measures.—United Press.

WEATHER WILL HOLD
UP NAZIS IN POLAND

The ultimate German strategy in Poland is becoming clear from the latest bulletins of the fighting which indicate that the invading army from East Prussia in the north is turning east instead of marching on Warsaw and is now attempting to strike south to meet the German army which is pushing the Poles from the Carpathians.

The mechanised units and heavy artillery of the enemy will then concentrate on the defenders in what may be their last stand in a long line east from the centre of the country between the rivers Bug and Vistula.

Consistent bombing has already broken many railway and other lines of communication and, if Lwow falls, the connection with Rumania in the south will be severed leaving only contact with the Soviet frontier. No considerable Polish force has been reported in the extreme north where the country runs side by side with the small States of Lithuania and Latvia.

Warsaw is still held by the Poles and fighting continues in its environs. A German column is said to be harassed by the defenders of the capital on one side and by the Polish army which still occupies Posen province to the west.

Paris, Sept. 14. The German northern and central armies have resumed their intense drives north-east and south-east of Warsaw, and claim that they have cut the Warsaw-Vilna road near Bialystok. At the same time they made a forced crossing of the Vistula near the junction of the San River, putting hundreds of tanks across a temporary bridge near Zawichost, after which they defeated a Polish attempt to halt the tanks near Anapol. The Germans thus menace the Horn Polish right wing, which is cut through the centre to Lublin, while the extreme German right wing, by turning the left flank at Przemyśl, is sending two parallel mechanised columns to Lemberg where the Poles admit serious fighting.

The columns at Bialystok and Anapol are attempting to meet near Brest-Litovsk to encircle the whole Polish army defending Warsaw and occupying the Posenian salient.

The German air force in Galicia is intensifying bombing Lemberg, south-east corner of the Polish-Rumanian border.—United Press.

Advancing On Warsaw

Berlin, Sept. 14. A High Command communiqué claims that German troops are still advancing on Warsaw across the Narwek River from Modlin.—Reuter.

Germans Suffer Heavily

Zurich, Sept. 14. Neutral observers state that the German engagements in Poland are costing heavy casualties. Although no figures are given, it is said that scores of hospitals in Berlin and Munich are filled with wounded soldiers.—Reuter Bulletin.

Rains Assist Poland

London, Sept. 14. The best news from Poland, all military observers agree, is the arrival of the weather. Poland's primitive roads must be already badly damaged by the heavy motorised and caterpillar vehicles. If the rains continue, the mechanised superiority of the German army may prove a serious disadvantage.

Reports that the German troops are stretching their lines of communication dangerously long. Hence the importance of the recapture of Lodz which was not only like a tonic to the Poles but constitutes a direct threat to the right flank of the German attack on Warsaw from the west.

On the other hand, the German attack in south Poland against Lwow (Lemberg) arouses serious anxieties, and although only flying detachments have so far reached Lwow, like those which entered the suburbs of Warsaw with apparently disastrous results to themselves, it is clear the Germans are developing the attack with all the strength on air and land at their disposal. The fall of Lwow would mean the loss of rich cornland and oilfields and closure to all routes except the unknown quantity of Russian. The assistance of "General Mud" will be specially timely here.

Military experts believe that Germany has transferred, or is transferring, 11 of the original 70 divisions in Poland to the Western Front. Assuming Poland has 30 divisions, the odds in Germany's favour will be far from the three to one, the minimum superiority considered necessary for a successful attack on the Western Front. The Saarbrücken coal and iron fields are now useless to the Germans since French artillery commands all access.

Observers continue to dwell on the extraordinary ability and success

shown in transporting British forces to France, involving the carriage of mechanical equipment at least 30 times the weight of any force of similar size in the last war.—Reuter.

Gdynia Captured

Berlin, Sept. 14. It is officially stated that German troops entered Gdynia at 10.15 a.m. when the Polish commander surrendered. Fighting is still proceeding north of the city.—United Press.

Jumped From
Window
Suspected Typhoid
Patient Leaps
To Death

Allegations that Lau Kwan-wai, a dresser at the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, had said "If you want your son to recover, give \$18 for six injections," was made by Kwan Hon, mother of Ng, at an inquest held by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

Kwan said the sum of \$7 was paid Lau before her son jumped to his death from the third floor of the Hospital on July 20.

A visit to the Hospital was made by Mr. Edwards and the jury, comprising Messrs. M. B. Weill (Foreman), Cheng Moon and Ip Shu-chol. Inspector A. V. Baker was present for the Police.

Lau Kwan-wai said he had been a dresser for four years and was employed in the second class ward on the first floor.

He first saw Ng on July 17 and Ng was removed to the third floor on July 20.

Kwan Hon, 60, mother of Ng, said she accompanied her son to hospital on July 17, and had visited him every day. She said she complained about the medicine being no good, but he had never threatened to commit suicide, and had no reason for doing so.

Ng Shueung, 41, cousin of Ng, said deceased complained to him about having no money for injections which cost \$18, and which he had been advised to have by the dresser.

Kwan Hon, recalled, was asked by Mr. Edwards: Have you ever paid anybody any money at the Hospital for your son?—Yes. On July 19 I gave \$3 and on July 20 \$4 to the dresser Lau. No receipt was given. What did you give it to him for?—He said it was for injections.

Paid Hospital Fee

Did he say who would give the injections? Himself. He also said that if I wanted my son to recover to give \$18 for six injections.

Kwan said there was a sum of \$10 paid to the Hospital but she had received a receipt for it.

Recalled, Lau denied Kwan's allegations. He was having tea at the Sun Ah Teahouse in Wanchai on July 20 when money was said to have been paid to him.

Li Yuk-ying, 23, nurse of Tung Wah Hospital, said she was in charge of "B" Ward on July 20 when Ng was brought to her as a typhoid patient by the dresser Au Lai-sun. She assigned him to a bed on the verandah. Several members of his family came to see him, but only his elder brother was allowed to stay with him for any length of time. His temperature was 102 degrees, but he

TIENTSIN
INCIDENTAlleged Ill-Treatment
Of Japanese Woman

Tientsin, Sept. 14.

Dissatisfied with the British reply to the original representations, the Japanese military authorities yesterday lodged their second protest with the local British authorities regarding the seizure of a Japanese woman's boat by British soldiers.

The British authorities, it is understood, promised to punish the soldiers who allegedly ill-treated the Japanese woman and seized her boat.

The British note, however, denied that the Japanese woman was slapped, stating that the British soldiers did not know that she was a Japanese national. The note added that the British authorities have been commandeering boats in the British Concession for some time.—Domei.

Tientsin Bandits

Tientsin, Sept. 14. A horde of about 90 bandits armed with revolvers and other weapons, made a surprise attack on the foreign Race Club in the suburbs of Tientsin on Tuesday evening.

During the three-hour fighting that ensued, 10 Chinese guards were killed and a Chinese and 30 White Russians were wounded, some of them seriously.

Japanese troops rushed to the scene and killed two of the outlaws driving away the rest.—Domei.

Consul Goes To Japan

Mr. Oda, the Japanese Consul in Hongkong, has left for Japan to report to the Foreign Office on the general situation in South China.

Ferry Service Stops

Owing to passenger traffic having fallen to between five and 10 people each trip, the Hongkong-Namtau Ferry Service was suspended yesterday. It had resumed only a few days ago when the Japanese lifted the border blockade.

Witness
CautionedPuisne Judge Threatens
Gao For Contempt

"I can hold you for contempt of Court and I have the power to sentence you to three months' imprisonment," said Mr. Lindsell in the Summary Court yesterday at the hearing of a possession claim for the second floor of 18 Upper Lascar Row. Complainant was Tam Chung-wai, of Upper Lascar Row, represented by Mr. Silva, and defendant was Leung Pui, of Upper Lascar Row, represented by Mr. J. M. Hall.

Tam gave notice to all the tenants of all floors to quit on May 11, as a report had come that the house was eaten by white ants. Leung occupied a small cubicle in the front part of the flat and sublet the rest of the floor to 10 tenants. The sub-tenants had all moved but Leung refused to move. Shortly after he had new sub-tenants come in.

Mr. Lindsell, in a previous hearing made an order for Leung to quit the premises without prejudice to his claim, and to come into possession when repairs had been completed at a rent to be fixed by the Court.

Mr. Silva stated that Tam wanted the premises for his sons and their families. Leung had been using the premises as a brothel. The police had raided the place and Leung was convicted and made to sign a bond for \$50 to be of good behaviour.

In the witness box, Leung denied using the premises as a brothel. He claimed a patient been seriously ill, and the police at 18 Hollywood Road, Mr. Silva produced the police charge sheet with Leung's finger-prints. Leung insisted that he was falsely accused. Mr. Lindsell then cautioned Leung.

Hearing was adjourned till October 13.

Mr. Silva asked that a temporary order be made for mesne profits to be paid within a week, up to August 18, the day Leung vacated the premises. Mr. Lindsell granted this.

was conscious when admitted to her ward and went to sleep soon after being put to bed. She was at her desk when Ng's brother asked for permission for his brother to sit up in bed. She heard shouts, rushed into the room, and saw Ng was missing from his bed.

She told the police to advise the doctor in charge and ran down to the yard to find the patient already dead. Asked what she would have done had a patient been seriously ill, she replied she would have had him strapped. There was only an amah besides herself in charge of the ward and it was impossible to assign a special person to watch Ng.

Delirium Likely

Dr. Lam Chi-wei, medical officer in charge of the hospital, said, in his opinion, typhoid cases usually produce delirium and the patient often tries to commit suicide. The hospital is divided for paying and non-paying patients. Paying patients would have a special isolation ward for infectious cases, but the non-paying patients' isolation ward was very unsatisfactory.

Mr. Edwards then told the jury it was for them to decide if Ng had been of unsound mind when he jumped off the verandah, and with their verdict they should make a



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Ng was a non-paying patient, and did not think it necessary to have bars in the isolation wards, this was only the case in mental hospitals. In July a regulation had been passed forbidding visitors to infectious cases except with written permission from the medical officer in charge. This was not as yet strictly enforced.

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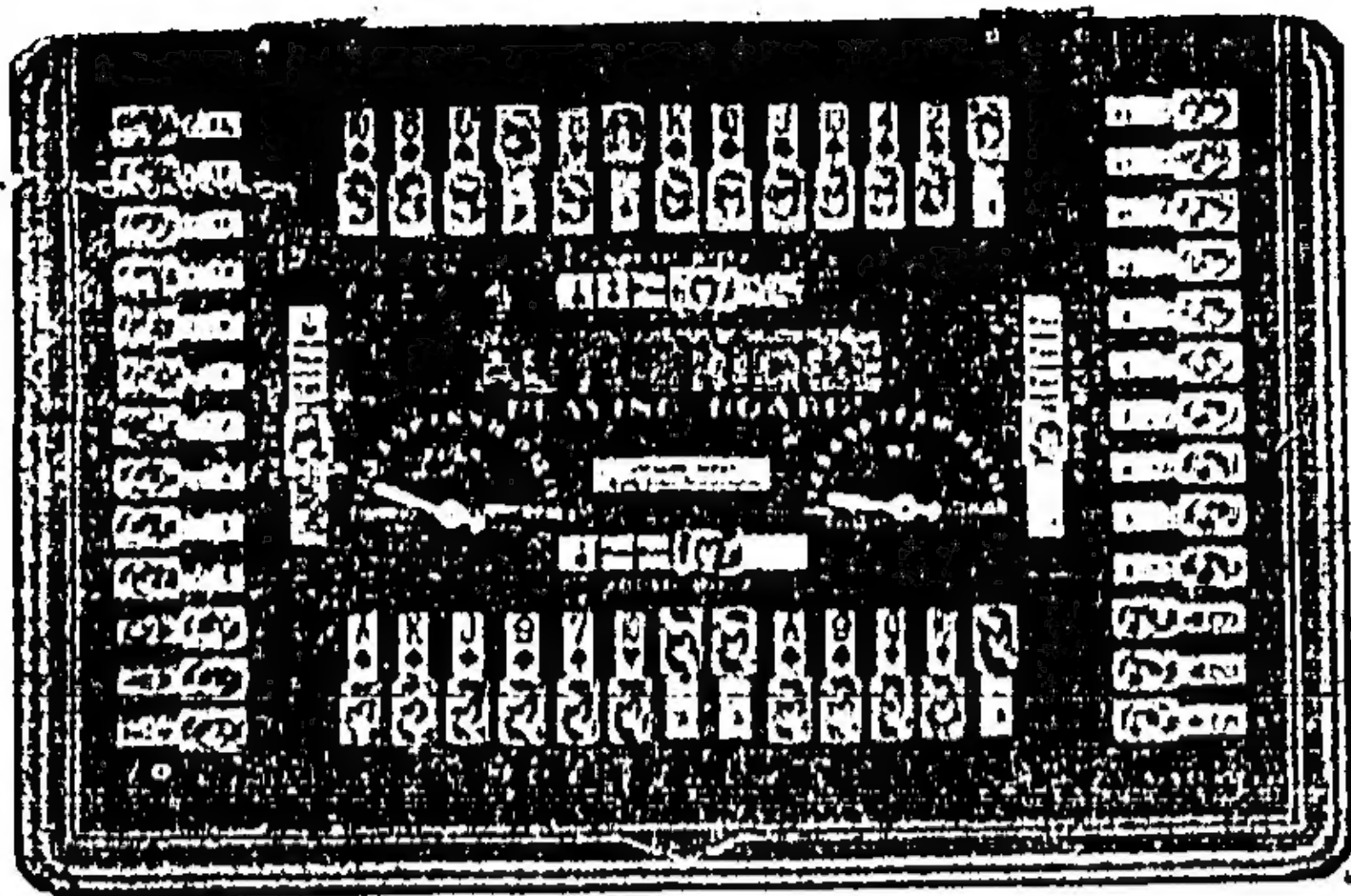
verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind and added a rider that in such cases someone should be detailed to watch over the patient.

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NO BREAK IN RACING PROGRAMME

"CAPT. FOSTER" RECALLS YEARS OF LAST WAR DERBY DAY DISASTER

No English sport has such a universal appeal to every grade of society (irrespective also of age and sex) as that essentially democratic one of racing, which we call the sport of kings. Entries for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday week closed yesterday with heavy nominations for the lower classes confined to Australian and China ponies.

A most unwelcome rumour has been circulating round the town that a few extra meetings under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to be cancelled on account of the war. I am not prepared to wager, but I have very good reason to predict that we will have the same number of extra meetings in 1940 as in previous years.

It may interest readers to know that during the horrid years of the Great War the Hongkong Jockey Club carried out its full programme of their Annual Carnival and the defunct Hongkong Gymkhana Club provided the racing public with their summer unofficial contests such as the tentpegging, lemoncutting, and a few flat handicap events. I would, however, like to add that there was no curtailment of any classic or minor events at the Annual Race Meeting from 1915 to 1918; in fact the local authorities were very keen that there should not be any cessation.

GOVERNOR TOOK LEAD

In 1915 His Excellency the Governor, the late Sir Henry May,

K.C.M.G., took the lead with a couple of Derby griffins, named Dunrobin and Grayling, and the stable was known as Tierce. With the assistance of Mr. A. J. P. Hend in the saddle, His Excellency's Dunrobin annexed the Lusitano Cup, beating the late Sir Paul's The Duke Dahlia, ridden by Mr. C. R. Burkill, by two lengths and the mile was run in two minutes six seconds. Three lengths behind came Mr. John Peel's Bent-back piloted by the late Mr. John Johnstone. The Government House's ardent supporters were jubilant over the success owing to the return of \$88.50 paid to Dunrobin for a win. On the following day Dunrobin was beaten by the late Sir Paul's Liberty Dahlia (I think) in the American Cup and Grayling managed to secure a third place in the Phoenix Handicap. In 1916 a Mr. Connors came from Freetown to ride for Tierce's stable.

I am going to avoid wearying the readers with a complete list of all winners during the terrible years of the Great War, but I cannot resist mentioning below a few important classic events and I am sure that it will be edifying news to the present generation of owners.

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES (HALF-A-MILE)

| Winner-Pony | Owner | Jockey | Time |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|------|
| 1916 Jess | Cunningham | Johnstone | 58 |
| 1916 Speckles | Ess | Vida | 1.04 |
| 1917 Sol | Beth and Ross | Johnstone | 1.00 |
| 1918 Ridgeway | John Peel | Johnstone | 59 |

MAIDEN STAKES (SIX FURLONGS)

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|------|
| 1915 Majestic Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 1.31 |
| 1916 Windsor Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 1.34 |
| 1917 Star of Doon | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.33 |
| 1918 Rocksand | George Sand | Ezra | 1.32 |

VALLEY STAKES (SIX FURLONGS)

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| 1915 Soldier | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.32 |
| 1916 Mandolini | Soares | Commons | 1.34 |
| 1917 Drumstick | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.33 |
| 1918 King Tom | Dynasty | Johnstone | 1.34 |

HONGKONG DERBY (1 1/4 MILES)

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|
| 1915 Perfection Dahlia | Sir Paul | Vida | 3.13 |
| 1916 Wincarne Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 3.10 |
| 1917 Silver Sireak | John Peel | Johnstone | 3.14 |
| 1918 Tytam Chief | Sir Ellis Kadoorie | Knoll | 3.12 |

LADIES PURSE (ONCE ROUND)

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|--|-----------|-----------|------|
| 1915 President | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.53 |
| 1916 Gretina Green | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.52 |
| 1917 Star of Doon | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.55 |
| 1918 (Race abandoned on account of fire) | | | |

CHAMPION STAKES (1 1/4 MILES)

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| 1915 Perfection Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 2.35 |
| 1916 Triumph Dahlia | Sir Paul | Vida | 2.33 |
| 1917 Triumph | Ezra | Ezra | 2.36 |
| 1918 (Race abandoned on account of fire) | | | |

DISASTROUS FIRE

There is no doubt that we have at present a few good old followers of the turf in the Colony who can still direct their eyes to the disastrous fire which occurred on the second day of the big meeting in 1918. "Derby Day Calamity" was the big headline in all the local papers. I can still visualise the dreadful and hectic scenes which followed, when 19 booths all in a row collapsed and burned to the Club Lusitano building separated by a distance of over 50 yards. Let me start with the classic first.

Greatest glorious uncertainty was seen on February 26, 1918, when Tytam Chief ridden by Mr. Knoll romped home first in the most exciting event of the Hongkong Derby, followed by Domino (Mr. Johnstone) and Bantam Dahlia (Mr. Vida) in 3.12 over one and a half miles. The going was firm. The winner was not considered by those "riders" chance and in the circumstance the rank outsider paid a handsome dividend of \$629.10 for a win. It was, however, the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie's second success as an owner in the Blue Riband, the first being in 1913 with Fijian Chief, piloted by the late Mr. John Johnstone. Tytam Chief gave the first and only winning mount of the Hongkong Derby to Mr. Knoll, who by the way was no other than Mr. Archie David, who was very popular with every one. It will be recalled that Mr. Archie David, together with Mr. H. H. Grindley, Mr. C. Drage and Major P. Magor, represented Eastleigh at Polo and they beat West Somerset by 8 goals to 7 in the final of the President's Cup at Dunster at this time last year.

DERBY DAY

The curtain raiser on Derby Day was the Jockey Cup confined to subscription griffins of any season, and then followed the Exchange Plate for China ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. The Hongkong Derby was the next on the card and the fourth event before lunch was the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup instead of the German Cup. Those, who followed Tytam Chief in the

pari-mutuel or purchased the pony in the Selling Lotteries, must have had a great day. As regards the latter, the lottery of to-day is not the same what it used to be.

From time immemorial the atmosphere on Derby Day had always been horsey on account of the running of selling lotteries in various clubs, some holding as much as ten lottery days or perhaps more. Considering that the cost of the lottery was one and at times two dollars per chance, the selling lotteries were not beyond the means of the ordinary men in the street and one can easily gauge its popularity. Outside of the Hongkong Jockey Club and the Sports Club, selling lotteries are not now held in any other club.

Catering was practically provided for in all the booths outside the Jockey Club's enclosures and a good cosmopolitan crowd repaired to these public restaurants for their lunch. It may be of interest to know that these booths were rented by the Government to the highest bidder for each lot, excepting the Club Lusitano's stand, and in the circumstance the display of British, Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese flags on the roof was not a rare sight. After fifteen seven China ponies weighed out for the China Stakes (five furlongs) and while the punters were pondering as to which was the best horse to back, a loud collapse was heard coming from the north. In less than a minute, news was circulated that "Fire broke out in the public booths."

DISASTROUS DAMAGE

It should not be overlooked that these booths were constructed from ordinary bamboo, mats and cheap firewood planks and with a slight wind blowing across the Valley, the whole wooden structure was in no time like smoke shooting upwards. It was claimed that the fire started in either No. 9 or No. 10 booth, but nobody could confirm this. Colonel Ward, M.P., of the Middlesex Regiment, who was present, gave orders to all his men who were at the Happy Valley to fall in and they did render good man's services in saving lives. When the Fire Brigade arrived, the fire had already had a firm grip with the



This picture was taken during the fire on Derby Day, February 26, 1918, at Happy Valley. Many lives were lost when the public stands caught fire, every structure being burnt to the ground except the Lusitano Stand (on the extreme left of the picture) which had been built about 50 yards away from the rest.

Racing Fixtures Are Cancelled

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuters).—The "Racing Calendar" states that the Jockey Club, after receiving information that no racing was possible before October 16 at the earliest, had cancelled the remaining fixtures of the season, including the Cesarewitch.

When the authorities grant permission, new programmes will be arranged.

(In the last war racing was suspended from August 6 to August 26, 1914, and was resumed at Gatwick on August 28, and continued to the end of the season. A number of war time meetings were held at selected centres so that transport of horses and the public was reduced to the minimum. Substitute races for the Derby, Oaks and St. Leger were run at Newmarket, where extra meetings were held.)

RANDOM TURF NOTES

AS the publication of the handicap weights for the first meeting to be held on September 25 is not yet available, I will discuss the prospects of the various Australian and China ponies in my next racing notes.

THE Australian ponies are in great form and the best performance was that of last Saturday by Sydney Lad "B" class (Mr. Heame) covering the mile in 1.57 with a last quarter of 28 for the last stanza.

BRUTUS has been demoted to "C" class and this descendant of Morang should be closely watched. Buffin Bay had an outing over a mile last Tuesday and the bay gelding seemed to enjoy the excursion trip in 2.01 coming home in 28 for the last quarter.

CRIFTEL was sent over the mile in 2.06 registering 27 for the home stretch and that was not too bad for a "B" class contender. A close examination of her intermediate quarters reveals that the last half-mile was negotiated in 56 seconds.

result that they could only save the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's pavilion from further destruction—only the stone building was left.

It was not possible to say how many people perished in the Derby Day catastrophe, but in a very low estimate there must have been over a thousand including old and young. The death-roll could not be established owing to the fact that relatives and others tenaciously refused to come forward and register the loss of their beloved ones with the authorities.

At a meeting held that very afternoon, the Stewards decided to postpone the running of the China Stakes (five furlongs) and the following morning the late Mr. John Johnstone backed by all the owners sent in a petition that the rest of the big meeting should be abandoned and this was unanimously approved. Within a month or so the defunct Hongkong Gymkhana Club held their first extra meeting, but the absence of our Chinese friends was most conspicuous. It was after this disaster that there were no more matched booths at the subsequent meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club and the return of Chinese with the inclusion of those inside the racecourse started once again in huge force in 1925.

Here And There With "Abe"

Tony Galento Steps Into Ring Again

RECENTLY the ballyhoo machine began to work on the fight between "Two-Ton" Tony Galento and Lou Nova which is to take place at the Philadelphia Municipal Stadium to-night. This will be the first major heavyweight contest in Philadelphia since the Joe Louis-Al Ettore bout of 1936, which drew over £40,000 in receipts. Special interest attaches to the Galento-Nova bout for Mike Jacobs has spoken of the possibility of a fight between the winner of this bout and of the Louis-Pastor twenty-round battle later in the month. Herman Taylor, the promoter of the fight, has predicted a bigger crowd than that which attended the Louis-Ettore fight. The stadium can hold 125,000 people. Galento and Nova will each receive 25 per cent. of the receipts.

Alameda Adonis

LOU Nova, youthful scrapper, known as the Alameda Adonis

Lawn Bowls

Police R. C. Withdraw From League

(By "Abe")

Owing to the extra duties imposed on the Force, the Police R.C. are finding it increasingly difficult to field two teams for their Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturdays, and in consequence they have decided to withdraw from the First Division. So far the Police R.C. have played only 11 matches in this division, their remaining five games being as follows:

v. Recreio "B" (away)
v. Kowloon Dock (away)
v. Kowloon B.G.C. (away)
v. Kowloon B.G.C. (home)
v. Craigengower C.C. (home)

It is understood that points have been awarded to each of the above teams. Police R.C., however, are carrying on in the Second Division.

NOT IN DANGER

Despite forfeiting points on their remaining five matches, the Police R.C. are not in danger of relegation in the First Division. This is the position at the bottom of the League Table:

P. W. L. D. Pts.

Police 11 5 6 0 10
Recreio "B" 12 2 0 1 8
K. Dock 14 2 11 1 5

It will thus be seen that if the Recreio "B" win three of their remaining four matches (one of which should have been against the Police) they will be in a better position than the Police; but though the Docks now receive two points from the Police as the result of getting a walk-over, they cannot hope to get more than nine points even if they beat the Indians at Sookumpoo.

The danger of relegation still remains with Recreio "B" and Kowloon Docks.

Olympiad Suspended

Helsingfors, Finland.
The Olympic Committee have suspended preparations for holding the 1940 Olympics here pending consultations with State and municipal authorities regarding possible cancellation.

The Olympic site was transferred here from Tokyo when the China war made it impossible to hold the games in Japan.—United Press.

and who recently gained world-wide fame by stopping former champion Max Baer in 12 furious rounds, was to have met Galento earlier, but the bout was postponed because Nova caught cold while training at Atlantic City. After scoring a brilliant victory over Baer, Nova was originally set to oppose Louis for the world title. Boxing experts, however, advised him against taking a risk at the present time in facing Louis. They pointed out that he needed seasoning and that he needed the experience of a couple of more fights against top-notch men before taking a crack at the world title. Although arrangements were made for a fight between Nova and Galento after Galento had lost to Louis, the bout was postponed because Nova was not satisfied with the financial terms. Nova at that time planned to invade London and oppose Tommy Farr. Plans for the English invasion, however, fell through and Nova was definitely signed up to meet Galento on September 7. The fight was postponed until to-night in order to allow Nova to recover from his cold.

More Bizarre

TONY Galento, the husky, hairy barrel-chested fighter who owns a pub in New Jersey earned permanent fame recently as the man who fought Joe Louis without first being frightened into submission and who put up a gallant fight before crumbling under the murderous attack of the Brown Bomber. As a showman, there is no heavyweight in the world to-day who can match the pub-owner. He claims to train on beer and cigars—which may appear ridiculous in the eyes of the orthodox trainer, but yet he is the only boxer who has put up a really good show against the champion during the last couple of years.

Title Fight

MEANWHILE all plans have been completed for the world championship fight between Louis and Bob Pastor at Detroit on September 20. The bout, the first 20-round title bout scheduled since Jack Dempsey hammered out a victory for the world crown in Toledo in 1919 against Jess Willard, will mark the second crack that Pastor will be taking at Louis. They fought once before in 1937 when Pastor managed to keep away from a knock-out by running round the ring for ten rounds and dodging Louis' blows. Louis won but was criticised for failing to nail his man. Pastor, however, found it difficult to obtain first class bouts for many months after the fiasco against Louis because of his failure to stand up and fight which naturally affected his drawing power.

Saigon Team Arriving At Week-End

It was announced this morning that the friendly soccer match, arranged for Sunday, between Eastern and St. Joseph's has been cancelled.

The reason is that the Saigon team, which was due to arrive in Hongkong last week, will now be here this week-end and will play the Eastern A.A. in the first of the three matches arranged for them in the Colony on Sunday.

On the following Saturday, the Saigon players will meet the Combined Chinese and on Sunday they will be opposed by the Rest of Hongkong.

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Major Conflict Imminent In Saar Basin

BRITISH TOMMIES SWING INTO ACTION ON SAAR FRONT

Special To The "Telegraph"

PARIS, SEPT. 15 (UP).—DESPATCHES RECEIVED IN PARIS LAST NIGHT REPORT THAT PART OF THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS TAKEN UP POSITIONS IN THE FRONT LINE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

The British troops are now in the process of occupying the quiet sections of the line.

NEWS FLASHES

FORMER KING MEETS KING

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Duke of Windsor was today received by the King.

It was the first meeting of the royal brothers for nearly three years.

It is learned, says "United Press," that the conference was devoted to a general discussion regarding the appointment of the Duke as a peer and also regarding his future residence.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (UP).—The Polish Ambassador, M. Haczynski, has delivered a note to the British Foreign Office, seeking more effective aid for Poland.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Some relaxation of the intensive nationwide black-out has been ordered.

People are now permitted to carry electric torches and a standard must be to be used for motor car lamps. At present pedestrians grope their way about at night unaided, and cars crawl along with only dimmed side-lights showing.

ANKARA, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Turkish Foreign Minister told Parliament today that the Government were speeding up conclusion of the mutual assistance pact with Britain and France.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Speaking as an "old Republican and Boer War veteran who went to Madagascar rather than submit to British rule," Colonel Reitz, Minister of Native Affairs, said that neutrality was impossible for the Union without shame.

Colonel Reitz described General Smuts as the greatest man emerging from the crisis and declared that General Hertzog's decision on neutrality was taken without consultation with the Cabinet or party.

PORTSMOUTH, Sept. 14 (UP).—The stern of the Squalus sank again, preventing the removal of bodies. The rising tide further hindered attempts to reach the after compartments.

LONDON, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—The King and Queen were received by Lord Ritchie, chairman of the Port of London Authority when they called at the headquarters of the P.L.A., during a visit to the London docks yesterday.

After inspecting a ship in dock, Their Majesties proceeded from the Tower to Woolwich where they visited another vessel. They later inspected the Royal Victoria Dock.

The King was in naval uniform.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—After referring to the treaty of alliance between Britain and Iraq, Mr. R. A. Butler stated in the House of Commons today that the Iraqi Government had made it clear they were prepared to carry out the treaty obligations both in letter and spirit (cheers).

Mr. Butler expressed His Majesty's appreciation for the loyal and friendly attitude of their ally.

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—According to a report in "Le Journal," PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

CANNONS ROAR OVER BIG AREA

Simultaneously with this reinforcement of the French positions and the consequent lengthening of the front lines, German heavy artillery has intensified its bombardment of the French positions in the Saar region.

HEAVY ARTILLERY DUELLING

Cannonading was maintained for several hours throughout the night, the German artillery apparently attempting to lay down barrages on the lines of communication behind the front line trenches.

The German artillery barrage was spread over a wide area, taking in the front line trenches with the apparent object of frustrating any preparations for a major Anglo-French offensive, and extending back to the Allied communications in the rear of the trenches.

Concurrently with the moving up of British troops into the front lines, units of the Royal Air Force are now displaying considerable activity, and in co-operation with the French Air Force, are attempting to silence the German artillery.

SAAR RIVER REACHED

The Germans are using their heaviest type guns. The bombardment was so intense east of Saarbrücken that the French have temporarily abandoned pressure in this sector and have confined operations to two local attacks on the extreme left of the Moselle-Rhine front.

In this sector the French are reported to have reached the western bank of the Saar River between Saarlautern and Merzig.

Heavy German reinforcements are reported to be pouring into the Saar.

It is said that the roads leading to the Western Front are clogged with more than a million Nazi troops, either entering the Saar or approaching it.

Fighting Increases As Front Lines Widen

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A French communique says that local advances have been made on the Saar front and some prisoners taken.

French troops are on German soil along a 90-mile front between Moselle and the Rhine.

The Siegfried Line is now under observation. Our operations have been impeded by the weather, but our air forces have been active, and many more German planes have been brought down than have been lost by the French air force.

Nazi Apprehension

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A French army statement says that troops in the Saar area made gains one mile in depth on a 12-mile front today.

Official circles in Paris state that the German action in blowing up the Trier-Metz railway near the Luxembourg frontier indicates the apprehension of the German High Command over the French progress on the Western Front.

Prisoners Taken

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A communique records "local advances

Advance Continues

PARIS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—French forces operating in the Saar region have taken up positions on a row of hills south and south-east of Saarbrücken.

Their advance continues, despite heavy German artillery barrages on the French lines of communication. French artillery in the Maginot Line is answering the German fire.

French warplanes yesterday bombed heavy concentrations of German artillery behind the Siegfried Line. The French regard this reinforcement of German artillery as a sign that the Germans feel that the French operations are no longer an advance on outposts, but a threat to the Nazi's western wall.

Neutral People Watch

West Front Battle

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The French launched an offensive this afternoon near Paris. In the PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

GLOOM IN BERLIN

Germans Now Have Two Meatless Days

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Life in Berlin becomes gloomier every day, says a report reaching Brussels.

The Germans now have two meatless days a week—Mondays and Fridays—though there is little meat on other days.

More fish than meat is to be seen on the restaurant menus. Petrol is to be rationed still further next week, and only certain officials will be allowed to obtain supplies.

Several domestic textile articles are no longer being manufactured in Germany.

Housewives have been warned that none will be available when the present stocks are exhausted.

A shortage of domestic coal is also feared.

Germany says she will continue to export coal to neutral countries, but this will prove difficult as the Saar coalfield has been partly occupied by the French.

BLOCKADE TIGHTENED

Contraband Aboard American Vessel

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 14 (UP).—Great Britain is tightening her blockade of Germany.

Under the new Contraband law, 5,000 tons of phosphate aboard the American steamer Warrior, originally consigned to Hamburg, has been seized.

The Royal Navy has commenced examination of all American and other neutral ships suspected of taking contraband to Germany.

Several ships have been "invited" to call at designated ports for examination.

The American steamer Blackspire was taken to Weymouth on September 6, but has since been released. Her cargo was not interfered with.

The freighter Black Eagle is still being held.

Mr. Victor Sudman, President of the Black Diamond Line and owners of the Blackspire and Black Eagle, has protested to the Department of State regarding the seizures.

Perfect Tennis By Bobby Riggs

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 14 (UP).—Harry Hopman, the Australian Davis Cup captain, was eliminated from the U.S. national singles tennis championships today by Bobby Riggs, the Wimbledon champion, in the quarter-finals by scores of 6-1, 10-8 and 6-3. Riggs played almost perfect tennis in accounting for Hopman.



GDYNIA (shown above) has fallen to the Germans after being besieged since the outbreak of hostilities. The garrison in the Polish seaport—which is opposite Danzig—has been entirely isolated from the main Polish forces but until yesterday morning defied all attempts by the Germans to enter the city.

Lwow Faces Nazi Encirclement

GALLANT LOSING FIGHT BY POLES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Sept. 14 (UP).—Apparently authentic reports from the Polish front assert that the southern sectors have reached a state of dissolution as a result of the heavy German artillery and airplane attacks west of Lwow, which are alleged to have destroyed the backbone of resistance in that section.

The German troops are moving toward a virtual encirclement of the city.

According to neutral reports, the German mechanised units have already proceeded a considerable distance to the south-west of Lwow and are now probably in the neighbourhood, if not actually occupying, Stanislawow, half-way to the Rumanian border.

Western Success

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The reported recapture of Lodz has greatly heartened the Polish population, according to news from Belgian sources in Warsaw.

The defence of the capital is continuing with renewed enthusiasm, and encouraging measures are coming from various other fronts, where it is claimed the Poles have now taken the initiative.

Those who have examined the Warsaw battlefield report that the Germans suffered great losses during their withdrawal.

According to a correspondent of the "Belge" they left thousands of dead and many prisoners.

The correspondent says that the recapture of Lodz was accomplished by marching towards Kutno.

The Germans neglected to protect their rearward and their positions were easily turned.

Decisive Success

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Polish Embassy in London says that Polish troops scored a decisive success west of Warsaw, when Nazi divisions were defeated and 1,000 prisoners and large quantities of war materials were captured.

Noaring Brest-Litovsk

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—News of fighting in Poland today came chiefly from Nazi sources, and the full Polish version of the events is not yet to hand.

The Nazis claim that their troops are approaching Brest-Litovsk, famous as the town where the Bolsheviks signed the treaty with Germany in 1918, ending Russian participation in the Great War.

The town is 120 miles east of Warsaw.

The Nazis also claim that the 18th Polish Division, together with its staff and much equipment, has been captured.

German outposts, it is claimed, are nearing Lemberg, and the Lemberg-Lublin road is said to have been cut. The Poles admit that German mechanised units have appeared 40 miles east of Warsaw.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Sept. 14 (UP).—The German High Command claims that the Poles are smashing through south Poland in the Lwow district. The encirclement of Warsaw is now complete and the Polish resistance at Radom has been crushed, according to the Nazi reports. Fighting is continuing near Gdynia.

The French forces advancing between Saarbrücken and Harnbeck PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

British, French Request To Italy

Protecting Interests In Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 15 (Domei).—A London despatch to the "Japan Times" says that the British Government is expected to make fresh representations to Italy shortly, asking for the withdrawal of Italian troops from Libya and of the concentration of Italian naval forces at such positions as will hamper the operations of the British Fleet.

The report states that the British Government will persuade France to join in the representations.

Egypt, which recently announced her participation in the European war, will also co-operate with Britain in this connection.

The despatch reveals that the British and French Governments have already made representations to the Italian Government, requesting the withdrawal of Italian troops from Libya and a guarantee for her neutrality in the European war.

These representations from London and Paris, however, have been flatly rejected by Signor Mussolini, the London despatch alleges.

LATEST

Sterling Collapses, Recovers

Reached Lowest Level In Six Years

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (UP).—Sterling collapsed today to its lowest level in six years.

At one stage sterling touched \$3.76, afterwards fluctuating between \$3.79 and \$3.84.

A sensational recovery was made before the close, however, the pound receding to \$3.97. This jump took place when it was officially announced that non-speculative demand for dollars would be settled at the London rate of \$4.02.

The earlier collapse was not due to heavy selling, but was attributed to lack of official support.

Market Disorganised

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The foreign exchange market was disorganised today as sterling touched a new low as a result of very heavy general selling here and abroad, while the British Equalisation Fund continued to be indifferent.

There was a straight downward movement until around noon, when the day's lowest mark of 3.77 was witnessed. Then sterling steadily recovered, although sentiment remained very confused.

Scandinavians changed but little, indicating its divorce from sterling. The franc dropped very sharply, however, although traders were not surprised since the franc is tied to sterling rather than to the dollar.

Another feature was the re-appearance of the benevolent mark, which has not been quoted since September 2, with today's rate unchanged.

Sellers' Market

Traders said that today was a completely sellers' market, and thus the actual dealing was very small.

The Foreign Exchange Committee announced that any American demand for the dollar will be satisfied in London at the rate of 4.02 if such a demand is connected with the liquidation of American-owned premises.

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CONEY ISLAND BLAZE

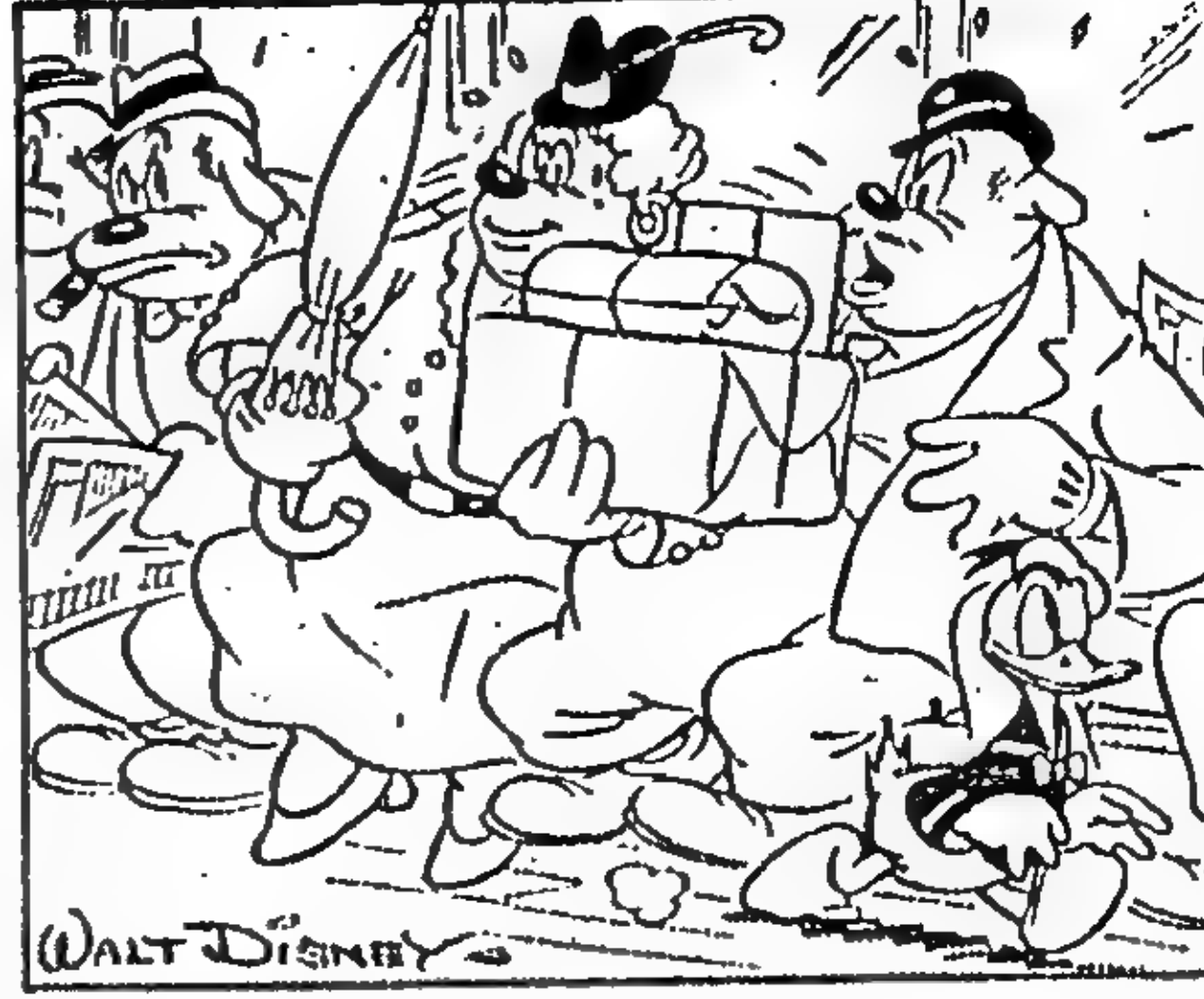
NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Coney Island, New York's famous amusement centre, is on fire.

The fire started in an empty wax-works museum and spread with amazing rapidity.

The main centre of Coney Island, known as the Steeplechase, is almost completely destroyed.

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Big Explosion
In Liverpool30 Injured In
Catastrophe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—More than 30 people were injured, many seriously, in an explosion, followed by a fire in Liverpool this afternoon.

The explosion, which was heard for miles around, severely burned many workmen.

A fire followed and a wooden building was involved and soon enveloped in flames.

A fleet of ambulances and a large number of firemen, police and A.R.P. workers hurried to the scene and rescued the injured in a dense smoke.

The cause of the catastrophe is not yet known.



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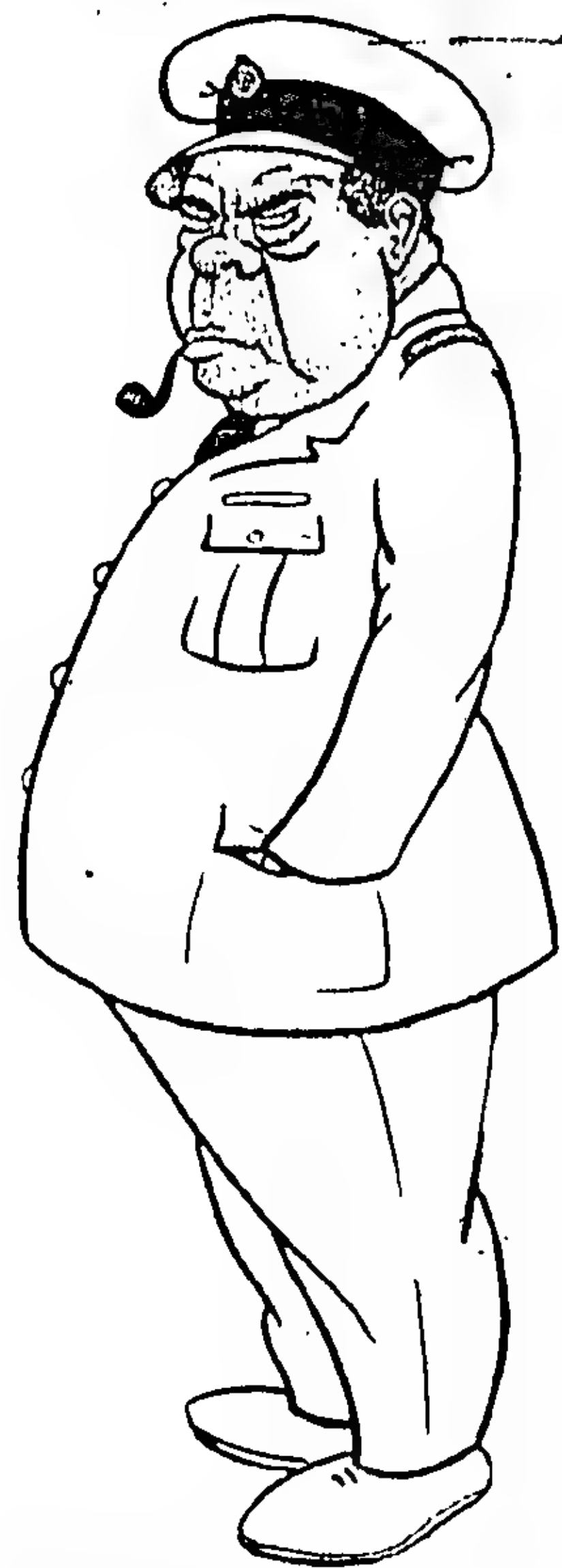
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Censorship

RELATIONSHIP between the Gov-
ernment and the Press in times
of national emergency may be re-
garded as within the ambit of or-
ganisation for national defence. In
war-time some degree of control is
inevitable and necessary, and the
Press is the first to admit that its
Freedom, so jealously guarded in
times of peace, must be subordinated
to national interests in times of war.

It is all-important, however, that
the control should be as little as
possible the proper function of the
Press, which is to inform and con-
solidate public opinion.

The Ministry of Information in
London has already created several
psychological blunders which have
done much to undermine confidence
in the Press—notable being the delay
and confusion in the release of in-
formation regarding the sinking of
the Athenia, the silence regarding
the Royal Air Force exploit at Kiel
and the muddle over news of the
transfer of the British Expeditionary
Force to France.

British news agencies have been
hampered, to such an extent by the
restrictions imposed firstly by the
Ministry of Information and, second-
ly, by the strict censorship of all
outgoing traffic, that their reports are
probably seldom published in the big
cities of the world, which give pride
of place in their columns to the news
agency which first provides the story.

In Hongkong we have cases in point.
"Reuter", apparently, were not even
permitted to mention the final
Ultimatum to Germany, for the only
report received in Hongkong of this
momentous decision was carried by
"United Press." Again, the only
News Agency report of the actual
declaration of a State of War be-
tween Britain and Germany published
on the day war started was from the
American agency, the "Reuter" report
being delayed en route for some hours.

If the Ministry of Information and
the British and Colonial censors in-
tend to maintain the type of
muzzling which was enforced during
the Great War they are committing
a blunder of the first magnitude. In
these days, it is possible for people
living in every corner of the world
to obtain first-hand information of
events by radio, and the only effect
of delay and undue censorship will
be to turn the public from their
newspapers (which, in British lands,
are naturally pro-British) to their
radio receivers, which owe loyalty to
no country and no ideals, but obey
the dictates of the hand that turns
the dial.

In Hongkong, listeners can, and do,
turn to Shanghai and to Manila for
uncensored news and comment. They
can, and do, turn to Zeceen for the
German version of the war. They
can obtain up-to-the-minute cover-
age from San Francisco.

Hongkong newspapers and, through
them, the Hongkong public are prob-
ably typical of any part of the over-
seas British Empire. Hongkong
newspapers are British, first and
foremost.

Impetuous interference with the
news is merely inviting readers to
turn from these newspapers, which
are of a known quality to the radio.
As Mr. Greenwood stated in the
House of Commons yesterday, by
clamping down a shutter of silence,
the Ministry of Information and the
censors, either at the despatching or

Beneath the heel of their new conqueror the Czech people
are not squirming. Day and night the Czech Mafia organises
resistance to the Germans, sabotages their factories, holds
up their plans. What is this secret society of patriots?
Here a member of the Mafia—who must obviously remain
anonymous—tells you something of the way in which

THE CZECHS ARE STANDING UP TO GERMANY

"THE MAFIA MUST BE
EXTIRPATED," DECLARED
Herr Himmler, head of the German
Police and Gestapo, after his recent
visit to Czechoslovakia.

What is this Mafia against which
Himmler's hate is directed? It has no
connection with the Sicilian Mafia of
50 years ago. It is a secret political
organisation, founded during the Great
War to fight against the Hapsburgs for
Czech independence. Its leaders were
Thomas G. Masaryk and Eduard Benes.
Its objective attained, the Mafia dis-
solved.

To-day, with Czechoslovakia once
more under a foreign tyranny, it has
been resurrected, led in part by the
same men who founded it. To the ex-
perience gained during the old "fight
in the dark" against the Hapsburgs,
the Mafia has added some of the
methods used by the Henlein Nazis in
Sudetenland before Munich.

THE CZECH MAFIA HAS TWO
sections, the organisation abroad and
the internal secret society. Both are
led by Dr. Benes and the friends who
fled the country when the Nazis
marched in. Its members, small in
number, include industrialists and
workmen, police officials and Army
officers, typists and porters. In it
members of different political parties
sink their differences to attain the
common end—national freedom.

The centres outside Czechoslova-
kia are at Paris and Chicago. As
during the world war, it is the Ameri-
can Czechs who find most of the money,
but now, inside the country itself, a
secret fund is being organised.

Between Paris and Prague there is
a regular "underground" system of
couriers. Money, material for propa-
ganda, and orders are sent in; news,
information about internal conditions,
are sent out.

THE AIM OF THE MAFIA IS TO
free the Czech people. But it knows
that to foment a revolution against the
Nazis would at present be suicidal.
History has taught, however, that con-
ditions may change in a night.

So the Mafia keeps alight the
flame of freedom, prepares the people
for the day when the blow must be
struck.

Most important of the work inside
the country is to counter German propa-
ganda. During the last few months
the Mafia has honeycombed the coun-
try with its cells.

A member finds half a dozen
patriots whom he can trust. They set
to work preparing leaflets, anti-Ger-
man propaganda of all kinds.

Recently thousands of Czech
families received a communication
headed: "Ten Laws for Loyal Czechs."
It was flaming summons to have faith
in a higher justice and the ultimate
triumph of right, and ended: "Trust
Benes. Never forget our national
motto, Pravda Vitezi (Truth Pre-
vails)." It went through the post
with the help of the Mafia organisa-
tion inside that civil service.

Another method used to reach the
masses is chain-letters containing im-
portant and truthful news of the in-
ternal and the international situation.
Small leaflets, printed on illegal
presses, are distributed in thousands.
Recently the Gestapo seized six such
presses but there are plenty more to
fill the gap. Czech master printers do
not care to know why their workmen
spend so much time at the works dur-
ing the evenings.

When the Nazis changed the
street names from Masaryk, Revolution
and Freedom Streets to Hitler or
Horst Wessel, the Mafia called out its
painters and the next morning the
streets had their old names again.

Two pirate radio transmitters
have been in operation. They broad-
cast recordings of news, extracts from
speeches in the House of Commons
and the French Parliament. The Ges-
tapo traced one transmitter to a wood
and seized it. But the Mafia men
working it got away.

THE MAFIA WORKS NOT
only against the Nazis but against
the Czech Fascists. A few so-called
"Nationalists" helped the Germans.
The Mafia knows them, has marked
them down and destroyed what in-
fluence they had.

The Mafia, too, knows the agents-
provocateurs, shadows them, exposes
them, and frequently organises their
"disappearance." The attempts of the
Czech Fascists to stir up race-hatred
and anti-Semitism are exposed. Anti-
Semitism is merely a mask used by the
Nazis, says the Mafia; and distributes
thousands of leaflets to hammer home
the point.

One of the most remarkable fea-
tures of the Mafia is its organisation
for collecting information. It has its
agents in official departments, and often
has information of Government
"secrets" as soon as the Government
itself. It taps telephone lines, and, in-
cidentally, when doing this work, it
found a number of secret lines laid by
the Sudeten Nazis. Needless to say,
such lines were destroyed, except when
the Mafia thought it could put them to
better uses.

With the good will of thousands
of workers, and with their active co-
operation, the Mafia organises espionage
and sabotage in key industries of

vital importance to the Nazis. Indis-
pensable blue-prints which cannot be
reproduced disappear; measuring in-
struments get out of gauge, and in an
armament factory where a thousandth
of an inch is of vital importance, in-
describable havoc can be caused by
such methods.

It was Mafia agents who strewed
sand in machinery in the Skoda arma-
ment works, and who used hypodermic
syringes to impregnate copper arma-
tures on dynamos with acid, irretriev-
ably ruining them.

Chemical formulae have been
stolen and sent abroad, and a check
is kept on the production of armaments
and information of new types and de-
velopments is sent to Paris. There is
no secret which the Mafia does not
know.

WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS
of Czech workmen were sent to
Germany, the Mafia agents went with
them, formed cells, got into touch with
"underground" elements in Germany,
and spread the net of factory sabotage
over the Reich itself. They organised
espionage, working hand in hand with
the German Freedom Front, stirring
the German masses to join with them
in resistance to the Nazis.

Another activity of the Mafia is
in organising the escape of political
suspects. The Mafia group at Ma-
hrisch-Ostau, near the Polish frontier,
have specialised in this work and
smuggled scores of their fellow-
countrymen across the frontier to
safety. Their intimate knowledge of
the mountains and forests, the active
sympathy of the local population, have
enabled the Mafia to defy all attempts
of the Gestapo to curtail such activi-
ties.

And, most important of all, the
Mafia is succeeding in its main objects
of maintaining the morale of the Czech
people and of keeping their spirit un-
broken.

DISCONTENT AMONG THE
Czechs is increasing, and with it
resistance to the conquerors. The
underground fight grows keener every
day, and resistance, while unostentatious,
is resolute, active and efficient.

The Mafia members have 25 years'
experience behind them; they have,
too, the support of the Czech youth
who have enjoyed 20 years of indepen-
dence and know what it means. They
have also a greater measure of
sympathy from the world outside than
they had 25 years ago when the Czech
people were scarcely known.

That people will not cease in its
struggle for freedom, and in that strug-
gle the Mafia will play, as it played
before, the dominating role.

The Navy Forbade Sunday Flying

WHEN AVIATION WAS BORN IN ENGLAND

WHEN King George came to
the throne in 1910 he did
not hold a review of his armed
forces in the air—and for a
very simple reason. There
were none.

How could anyone even con-
template an air review at a time
when, out of a population of
millions, only eight persons had
qualified as pilots—all of them
civilians?

FRIGHTENING HORSES
It was not until shortly after the
Coronation celebrations that an en-
thusiastic Army officer gained his
flying certificate and took his ma-
chine to the autumn manoeuvres. He
was the subject of dignified curiosity,
and that was about all. Command-

receiving ends, are inviting people to
turn elsewhere for their information.
Too much censorship makes news-
papers unreliable, discredited and
worse sin of all—dull. We are the
first to admit the necessity of censor-
ship in war-time but we hope that
the typical example of local methods
which we reproduce elsewhere, in
this issue is not to become a per-
manent phase of relationship between
Hongkong newspapers and the cen-
sors appointed by the Hongkong
Government.

ing officers made a joke of the en-
terprise. Cavalrymen were particu-
larly obnoxious. They shooed the
machine away because they feared it
might frighten the horses.

So far as aeronautical effort in the
Services was concerned at that time,
activity was limited to the work of
a few balloonists at Farnborough. It
seems odd to think that a weapon
which at the beginning of the King's
reign was militarily non-existent is
now dominant in warfare.

Only a few months before July
1910, had the real possibilities of
aviation begun to attract attention.
The Rheims meeting had taken
place. Doncaster and Blackpool had
held flying meetings. Latham had
won the leading prize at the latter
place in October, 1909, for flying a
distance of less than six miles in a
high wind.

S. F. Cody had gained praise be-
cause, in September, his "Flying
Cathedral" flew for 80 yards. Mr.
Handley Page had produced what
was to be, a little later, the first
aeroplane to fly over London. It
was called "The Antiseptic" because
it was coated with a non-rusting
composition. Col. Moore-Brabazon
had won a prize of £1,000 in March,

1910, for flying a circular mile. Avia-
tors who had learned to fly on the
Continent were being given huge
fees for brief demonstrations.

68 M.P.H. SPEED RECORD

Not until after the Coronation did
a Frenchman succeed in winning a
prize of £10,000 by making a flight
from London to Manchester in
1911, and the effort was rightly re-
garded as wonderful. The world's
speed record in the air for the year
1910 was less than 68 miles per
hour, and the first flight from Lon-
don to Paris was still unattempted.
It was not until 1911 that the Ad-
miralty gradually allowed four
naval officers to learn to fly on ma-
chines which a patriotic civilian had
generously presented, together with
an aerodrome. On one thing, how-
ever, the Admiralty was very firm.
There must not be any flying on
Sundays. The War Office at that
time had not even formed the Air
Battalion which preceded the estab-
lishment, in 1912, of the Royal
Flying Corps.

The Coronation celebrations came
at a period in which flying was
most hazardous affair. The specu-
lation in regard to a new machine
was not how fast or how far it could

go, but the very much more doubt-
ful one of "Will it fly?" Many in
the old days simply would not leave
the ground, and all had to wait for
perfect weather conditions before
making the attempt.

At the outset, pilots judged con-
ditions by means of their cigarette
smoke. If the smoke ascended ver-
tically the conditions were safe.
The slightest ripple of wind along
the grass filled them with appre-
hension. Spectators had to be pa-
tient, and wait for hours, for even
if the wind was abated, any one of
a hundred complications might re-
sult in the engine not functioning
as desired.

Looking back, however, the really
extraordinary thing is that the
during pilots of the thoroughly un-
sound machines which were at first
produced were able to avoid being
killed. Cody relied on a bamboo
structure. Sir Alliott Verdon Roe
used a special kind of paper with
which to cover the wings of his early
aeroplanes. Engines at first had a
chain drive. Wright machines ran
along a rail in order to take off.

At the time of the Coronation,
and for long after, parachutes were
for all practical purposes unknown.
Attempts to ensure safety were be-
ing made on a different angle.
Mr. Rudyard Kipling expressed
the opinion in 1910 that some form
PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

GRAPHIC DETAILS OF WILHELMSHAVEN RAIDS RELEASED

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The fact that the British air force raiders on German warships at Wilhelmshaven and Brunsbuttel on September 4 swooped so low that they almost touched a warship masthead, and saw in vivid detail all that was happening on her decks and the quayside, was revealed in an eye-witness account just issued.

The leader of the first flight of three machines described how they started at 4 p.m. in fine weather and soon encountered foul weather.

They reached Wilhelmshaven in two hours and could see a warship taking on stores from tenders, and could even see some washing on the line.

"WE DROPPED OUR BOMBS"

"The ship's crew began to run fast to their stations, and we dropped our bombs."

The second pilot flying behind saw two hits, and he took a photograph just before he dropped his first bomb. As he turned homeward, machine gun bullets, looking like blue electric sparks, began to zip past his wing-tip.

The third pilot saw the first bomb dropped from the second bomber and said that it appeared to drop amidst ships.

By this time the guns were going and the third pilot got some hot stuff. Nevertheless, he dropped his bombs and made a half-circuit around the battle-ship.

Only one German machine was seen; it flew past and then disappeared.

Hit Plane Returns

The flight returned at 7.30 p.m. Officers and crew of another flight which participated also gave a graphic description, and record that one aircraft was hit several times by shells and bullets, but it returned safely with two petrol tanks punctured.

This second flight encountered half a dozen enemy fighters near the German coast. They played hide-and-seek and eluded the pursuers.

Just as they reached their target, terrible anti-aircraft fire caused the attackers to manoeuvre swiftly, after which they strafed and then dropped their bombs.

Other aircraft participating in the raid returned independently and sighted a German submarine, which dived hastily. The raiders said they regretted they hadn't any bombs left, as the submarine would have been an easy victim.

Another bomber passed right over Heligoland fortifications but was un-molested.

GALLANT LOSING FIGHT BY POLES

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"fell under fields of mines and German fire."

"Operations in south Poland are encountering only slight resistance and are progressing rapidly to the eastward."

"These operations are taking the Germans toward the Rumanian and Soviet frontiers, with the obvious intention of cutting the Poles off from Rumania."

"Strong forces have reached the Lublin-Lwow road near Rawarska. The Vistula has been crossed at several points north of Sandomierz, the communication continues."

"The encircling attack against the Polish division near Kutno has rolled forward and the ring around the Polish capital was closed yesterday from the east."

Forces Disorganised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Sept. 15 (UP).—Rumours are current here that Hitler plans to make Lwow the capital of a Ukrainian State which some day might be used as a stepping stone to the Russian Ukraine.

It is reported that the Germans are bombing the road from Lwow, south-east along the Dniester, in order to prevent the large Polish forces, which have become disorganised after the heavy fighting, from re-forming into divisions.

It is reported that all rail traffic from Lwow to the Rumanian border, and possible from Lwow to Lublin, has been suspended.

Eurasia Will Resume

CHUNGKING, Sept. 15 (Central).—The Chungking-Hongkong air service, which has been suspended since the outbreak of the hostilities in Europe, will shortly be resumed, according to information from the Eurasia Aviation Corporation.

NEWS FLASHES

(Continued from Page 1.)

Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, has been shot by the Nazis because he refused to sign a manifesto urging Austrians to fight for the German cause.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day the Prime Minister was asked if it was intended to establish a Ministry of Munitions.

The Premier replied that the powers granted by Parliament in the Ministry of Supply Act were sufficiently wide to cover any developments and functions for a Ministry which might be required.

The existing arrangements were working very satisfactorily and much expansion had already taken place.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The native chiefs of Uganda have pledged their loyalty to the Empire. Messages of loyalty have been received from British territories in the Western Pacific, including Fiji.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to compile a universal national register. Returns will be used as a basis for food rationing.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information stated to-night that it is believed that no German cruisers are at sea as was the Emden in 1914.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—War measures were officially proclaimed in South Africa to-day.

They include a ban on hoarding and profiteering, the forbidding of meetings and processions, control of liquor sales, an order against the incitement of subversive activities, the prevention of people leaving their Union, and the safeguarding of employees who volunteer for military service.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—As from to-morrow, the theatres and places of entertainment are re-opening and will stay open until 10 p.m.

The only exception is in the central London area within a radius of 12 miles of Leicester Square, where amusement places will have to close at 6 p.m.

Many cinemas are also re-opening in Paris.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Before returning to France after a brief visit to England, King Zog of Albania said he hoped to return to England soon with Queen Geraldine.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The B.B.C. have added two more to the imposing list of foreign broadcasts, and news bulletins are now being given in Rumanian and Serb-Croat.

The B.B.C. are also broadcasting extra bulletins in French and Italian as from to-morrow.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Bidding by Dutch, French and British operators to-day resulted in the price of wheat rising by 30 per cent, and in doubling the price of barley.

An official of the economic section of the Nazi Foreign Office is expected to arrive in Bucharest to-day. It is believed that Germany is to negotiate for essential commodities which she needs and which Rumania can supply.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out from the Mount Davis area between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight to-day and between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon to-morrow. Firing Area 'D' will be affected.

CENSORING THE NEWS

Defending The Ministry Of Information

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day Lord MacMillan, head of the Ministry of Information, answered criticisms concerning the initial work of his department. He said that he agreed with what had been said on all sides of the House as to the department's true function.

"It is a Ministry of expression, not a Ministry of repression, least of all a Ministry of censorship."

It would be his task to place before the people of Britain—and before the peoples of other countries—the truth about what they were doing, thinking and hoping.

Reluctant To Talk

One could understand that those engaged in the actual work of the war were reluctant to talk about it, or to waste their time, as they might say, in providing mere news about it. "I think in a democracy like ours, even the fighting services have to become publicly minded. Therefore, they must not be reluctant to help me in my task of giving the public as much information as can be given consistent with the exigencies of the military situation," declared Lord MacMillan.

German Ministry

"The first contacts have been made with the fighting ministries and they have assured me that they will help as far as they possibly can in the provision of news."

"The Ministry of Information labours under a grave handicap compared with the Ministry of Information in Berlin, most of whose propaganda and information is given in the long run the foreign press would appreciate that the facts they received from Britain were authentic news and statements only."

Lord MacMillan referred to several unpublicised features of the war from a publicity viewpoint, the first of which was the speed with which developments took place in the air. He thought that the issue of air information to assuage public anxiety would be done.

B.B.C. And The Press

Another problem was that of seeing the B.B.C. should not be allowed to prey on the news which was the property of the press, whose services were more valuable than ever.

Lord MacMillan referred to the mechanical impediments and the crowded state of the ether and cables, and on the latter matter declared that the Government publicly should not always have priority when it was not urgent.

Arrangements had been made for the War Office to send a General Staff Officer of high rank to give a confidential talk to accredited press representatives each week, and officers from the Admiralty and Air Ministry would also talk to the press confidentially on special occasions.

It had also been arranged that each service department should nominate an officer of high rank to act as adviser and supplier of confidential information on military matters.

STERLING COLLAPSES RECOVERS

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war sterling balances, or current trade transactions with the British Empire.

London Exchange

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Oils were the brightest feature of the Stock Exchange to-day in otherwise quiet markets, in which tin shares were steady at better levels, though industrials were somewhat irregular.

To-day's Bank of England return of note circulation showed an increase of £3,500,000 to £553,000,000 compared with the previous week's £220,000,000. This comparatively small expansion is considered encouraging as it indicated that the country is settling down to the new conditions.

Wall Street was firm.

Nazi Attack On Dutch Plane

LONDON, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—A description of the Nazi-Netherlands air clash yesterday says that the Dutch naval plane which was attacked was flying over Netherlands territory.

The Dutch craft was attacked and destroyed on the ground after it had been forced to land by Nazi planes. The crew of four in the Dutch plane, two of whom were slightly injured, were taken to a German island, but are now on their way home.

More Vessels Torpedoed

American Liners Aid In Rescues

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (UP).—Two American liners well known in Hongkong—the President Monroe and the President Monroe—participated in the rescue of the crews of two British steamers sunk by German U-Boats yesterday.

The American President liner President Monroe participated in the rescue of the crew of the steamer Colh. The s.s. Manhattan also raced to the rescue of this ship, whose crew, however, was picked up by the Norwegian steamer Isabella.

The President Roosevelt raced to rescue the crew of the 4,955-ton steamer Vancouver City. Before she arrived the crew were picked up by a Dutch tanker.

Successful Convoy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—It is reported that convoy vessels bound for Scotland successfully eluded two enemy submarines which were about to attack, and arrived safely in port.

It is stated that the movements of the submarine were detected some distance from the convoy and effective action was taken by the escort vessels.

Another Ship Torpedoed

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The 4,955-ton British steamer Vancouver City was wrecked at 11.12 a.m. British Standard Time that she had been attacked in the Atlantic and that the crew were taking to the boats.

The American President liner President Roosevelt, which went to the rescue, later reported that the crew of the Vancouver City had been picked up by a Dutch tanker, assisted by an aeroplane.

German Submarines Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 14 (UP).—Official reports here state that the Allies have sunk at least one, possibly two, German submarines.

It is estimated that between 20 and 25 German submarines are at present at large. If the present rate of destruction is kept up, the number will have appreciably declined by the end of October.

LETTERS

Censorship

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Your editorial in to-day's "Telegraph", entitled "Censorship", suggests in the third paragraph, that American news agencies in London are not hampered by Ministry of Information and censorship restrictions to the same extent as the British agencies.

I am sure this is not the case. Speaking for "United Press" I can assure you that our messages from London have to pass through the same channels as any other news agencies.

The two messages you specifically mention—the British and French final ultimatum and the declaration of war—were both passed through the censor's hands in London and afterwards in Hongkong.

If "United Press" were ahead of any other news agency with this all-important news, it was simply because we make it our business to be first with the news, and no effort is spared at any point in the "United Press" world-wide organisation to achieve this end.

United Press Associations HAROLD GUARD, Manager in Hongkong.

FIGHTING INCREASES AS FRONT LINES WIDEN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Moselle district, on the extreme western part of the Franco-German frontier.

Watchers on the Luxembourg side of the frontier saw the French tanks move into action after heavy artillery preparation.

The German outposts were compelled to withdraw and engineers blew up the railway line to stem the advance.

The roar of the battle could be heard as far away as the city of Luxembourg. The authorities immediately ordered evacuation of Schengen, at the southernmost tip of Luxembourg.

The Craigengower Cricket Club will be holding their fortnightly Whist Drive at the Club house to-morrow commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Blockade And The Neutrals

America Defines Its Position

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The effectiveness of the British contraband control system is revealed in an official statement, which says that already large quantities of contraband have been prevented from reaching the enemy.

Replying to the German wireless distortion of the purpose of the British contraband policy as strangulating neutral trade, a statement emphasises that Britain does not seek to dictate to any neutral Government.

She will do all in her power to facilitate bona fide neutral trade, and no attempt will be made in any way to prevent normal importation into neutral countries of foodstuffs and other goods and material destined for their own consumption.

U.S. Position

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the course of a formal statement on the attitude of the United States towards the blockade announced by the belligerent States, Mr. Cordell Hull to-day declared:

"The Government reserves all rights of the United States and its nationals under international law, and will adopt measures as may seem most practical and prudent when those rights are violated by any belligerent."

He added that the United States Government gave the widest possible notice to American shipping with regard to the danger areas.

It had urged American nationals and American shipping against actual danger in any other respect as situations, involving such a danger, were brought to its attention, whether these situations were lawful or unlawful activities of belligerents. It endeavoured to exercise all due diligence in the protection of American lives and property, and it must expect American nationals likewise to exercise due diligence in keeping clear of danger, actual or potential.

Searching U.S. Ship

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at a press conference to-day that, as far as he was advised, there was nothing seriously unusual in the searching of American ships by Britain and of the taking off of contraband.

It is revealed that Mr. Cordell Hull is to make a speech at the New York World's Fair on Thursday, September 21.

Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information issued a statement this afternoon to the effect that Nazi propaganda is now taking the form of threats to neutral nations.

Neutrals are now being told plainly just what Germany considers to be neutrality and unneutrality.

The Nazi radio is distorting the British contraband regulations, which it alleges are a measure designed to strangle neutral trade.

It is up to the neutral States to judge for themselves from what quarter comes the threat to them—from the open contraband measures of the Allies, or with the Nazi submarine campaign and thinly veiled menaces, declares the Ministry of Information.

Humanisation Of Warfare Pope Pius Appeals To Belligerents

ROME, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—His Holiness the Pope, addressing the Belgian Ambassador to the Vatican when the latter presented his credentials to-day, said he would seek every opportunity to conclude a peace honourable to all, with the aim of preventing a general conflagration.

He added: "Should this be impossible I will strive to lessen the pains of war by urging the belligerents to conform to international agreements, spare civil populations, treat prisoners well, and avoid the use of gas."

No Gas Warfare

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Viscount Halifax revealed in the House of Lords to-day that when Sir Neville Henderson, former British Ambassador to Berlin, asked for his passport, he presented a note enquiring whether Germany would observe the terms of the Geneva Gas Protocol of 1925, prohibiting the use of poisonous and asphyxiating gases.

The German Government had now replied in the affirmative to this enquiry through the Swiss Minister in London, who is in charge of their interests. They reserve full liberty of action in the event of the provisions of the protocol being infringed by the enemy.

Won't Attack Civilians

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (UP).—Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question

in the House of Commons, regarding the bombing of open Polish towns, said: "Whatever may be the length to which others may go, Great Britain will never resort to deliberate attacks on women and children and other civilians for the purpose of terrorism."

He reiterated that the Anglo-French reply to President Roosevelt's appeal not to bomb open towns was on the condition that similar restraint be observed by the enemy.



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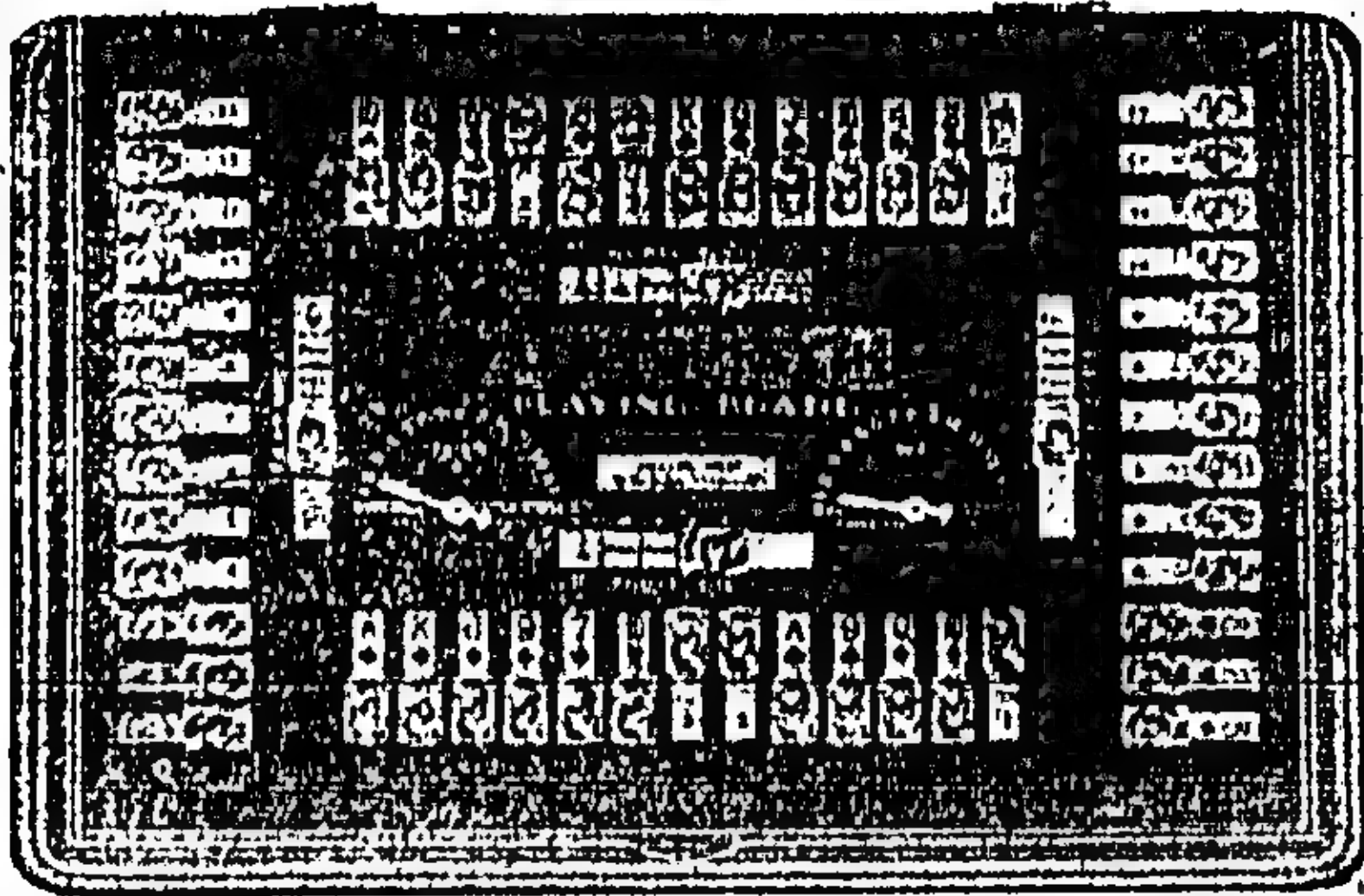
"If action of the kind suggested by the German announcement is taken, it will inevitably further strengthen the resolve of ourselves and our allies, to so conduct our policy and so prosecute the war as to ensure that the menace that we are fighting is finally removed," Mr. Chamberlain concluded.

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NO BREAK IN RACING PROGRAMME

"CAPT. FOSTER" RECALLS YEARS OF LAST WAR DERBY DAY DISASTER

No English sport has such a universal appeal to every grade of society (irrespective also of age and sex) as that essentially democratic one of racing, which we call the sport of kings. Entries for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday week closed yesterday with heavy nominations for the lower classes confined to Australian and China ponies.

A most unwelcome rumour has been circulating round the town that a few extra meetings under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to be cancelled on account of the war. I am not prepared to venter, but I have very good reason to predict that we will have the same number of extra meetings in 1940 as in previous years.

It may interest readers to know that during the horrid years of the Great War the Hongkong Jockey Club carried out its full programme of their Annual Carnival and the de-funct Hongkong Gymkhana Club provided the racing public with their summer unofficial contests such as the tentpegging, lemoncutting competition and a few flat handicap events. I would, however, like to add that there was no curtailment of any classic or minor events at the Annual Race Meeting from 1915 to 1918; in fact the local authorities were very keen that there should not be any cessation.

GOVERNOR TOOK LEAD

In 1915 His Excellency the Governor, the late Sir Henry May,

K.C.M.G., took the lead with a couple of Derby griffins, named Dunrobin and Grayling, and the stable was known as Tierce. With the assistance of Mr. A. J. P. Heard in the saddle, His Excellency's Dunrobin annexed the Lusitano Cup, beating the late Sir Paul's The Duke Dahlia, ridden by Mr. C. R. Burkill, by two lengths and the mile was run in two minutes six seconds. Three lengths behind came Mr. John Peel's Beaulieu piloted by the late Mr. John Johnston. The Government House's ardent supporters were jubilant over the success owing to the return of \$98.50 paid by Dunrobin for a win. On the following day Dunrobin was beaten by the late Sir Paul's Liberty Dahlia (I think) in the American Cup and Grayling managed to secure a third place in the Phoenix Handicap. In 1916 a Mr. Commons came from Tientsin to ride for Tierce's stable.

I am going to avoid wearying the readers with a complete list of all winners during the terrible years of the Great War, but I cannot resist mentioning below a few important classic events and I am sure that it will be edifying news to the present generation of owners.

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES (HALF-A-MILE)

| Winner-Pony | Owner | Jockey | Time |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1915 Jed | Cunningham | Johnstone | 1.09 |
| 1916 Speckles | Eas | Vida | 1.00 1/2 |
| 1917 Sol | Beith and Ross | Johnstone | 1.00 1/2 |
| 1918 Ridgeway | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.00 1/2 |

MAIDEN STAKES (SIX FURLONGS)

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 1915 Majestic Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 1.31 1/2 |
| 1916 Windsor Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 1.34 1/2 |
| 1917 Star of Doon | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.33 1/2 |
| 1918 Rocksand | George Sand | Ezra | 1.32 1/2 |

VALLEY STAKES (SIX FURLONGS)

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1915 Soldier | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.32 1/2 |
| 1916 Mandolini | Soares | Johnstone | 1.34 1/2 |
| 1917 Drumstick | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.33 1/2 |
| 1918 King Tom | Dynasty | Johnstone | 1.34 |

HONGKONG DERBY (1 1/2 MILES)

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1915 Perfection Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 3.13 1/2 |
| 1916 Winsome Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 3.10 |
| 1917 Silver Streak | John Peel | Johnstone | 3.14 1/2 |
| 1918 Tytan Chief | Sir Ellis Kadoorie | Knoll | 3.12 1/2 |

LADIES PURSE (ONCE ROUND)

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1915 President | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.53 1/2 |
| 1916 Gletina Green | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.52 |
| 1917 Star of Doon | John Peel | Johnstone | 1.55 |

CHAMPION STAKES (1 1/2 MILES)

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1915 Perfection Dahlia | Sir Paul | Burkill | 2.35 |
| 1916 Triumphant Dahlia | Sir Paul | Vida | 2.33 1/2 |
| 1917 Triumph | Ezra | Ezra | 2.36 1/2 |

DISASTROUS FIRE

There is no doubt that we have at present a few good old followers of the turf in the Colony who can still direct their eyes to the disastrous fire which occurred on the second day of the big meeting in 1918. "Derby Day Catastrophe" was the big headlines in all the local papers, I can still visualise the dreadful and hectic scenes which followed, when 10 booths at the Club Lusitano—luckily separated by a distance of over 50 yards. Let me start with the classic first.

Greatest glorious uncertainty was seen on February 26, 1918, when Tytan Chief ridden by Mr. Knoll romped home first in the most exclusive event, the Hongkong Derby, followed by Domino (Mr. Johnstone) and Bantam Dahlia (Mr. Vida) in 3.12 1/2 over one and a half miles. The going was firm. The winner was not considered by those "lifers in the stand" to have any sporting chance and in the circumstance the rank outsider paid a handsome dividend of \$629.10 for a win. It was, however, the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie's second success as an owner in the Blue Riband, the first being in 1913 with Tytan Chief, piloted by the late Mr. John Johnston. Tytan Chief gave the first and only winning mount of the Hongkong Derby to Mr. Knoll, who by the way was no other than Mr. Archie David, who was very popular with every one. It will be recalled that Mr. Archie David, together with Mr. H. H. Grindley, Mr. C. Drage and Major P. Major, represented Eastleigh at Polo and they beat West Somerset by 8 goals to 7 1/2 in the final of the President's Cup at Dunster at this time last year.

DERBY DAY

The curtain raiser on Derby Day was the Jockey Cup confined to subscription griffins of any season and then followed the Exchange Plate for China ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. The Hongkong Derby was the next on the card and the fourth event before lunch was the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup instead of the German Cup. Those who followed Tytan Chief in the

pari-mutuel or purchased the pony in last Selling Lotteries, must have had a great day. As regards the latter, the lottery of to-day is not the same what it used to be.

From time immemorial the atmosphere on Derby Day had always been hazy on account of the running of selling lotteries in various clubs, some holding as much as ten lottery days or perhaps more. Considering that the cost of the lottery was one and at times two dollars per chance, the selling lotteries were not beyond the means of the ordinary men in the street, and one can easily gauge its popularity. Outside of the Hongkong Jockey Club and the Sports Club, selling lotteries are not now held in any other club.

Catering was practically provided for in all the booths outside the Jockey Club's enclosures and a good cosmopolitan crowd repaired to these booths for their luncheon. It may be of interest to know that these booths were rented by the Government to the highest bidder for each lot, excepting the Club Lusitano's stand, and in the circumstance the display of British, Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese flags on the roof was not a rare sight. After fifteen seven China ponies weighed out for the China Stakes (five furlongs) and while the punters were pondering as to which was the best horse to back, a loud collapse was heard coming from the north. In less than a minute, news was circulated that "Fire broke out in the public booths."

DISASTROUS DAMAGE
It should not be overlooked that these booths were constructed from ordinary bamboo, mats and cheap firewood planks and with a slight wind blowing across the Valley, the whole wooden structure was in no time like a furnace with a dense cloud of smoke shooting upwards. It was their fire started in either No. 9 or No. 10 booth, but nobody could confirm this. Colonel Ward, M.P. of the Middlesex Regiment, who was present, gave orders to all his men who were at the Happy Valley to fall in and they did render yeoman's services in saving lives. When the Fire Brigade arrived, the fire had already had a firm grip with the



This picture was taken during the fire on Derby Day, February 26, 1918, at Happy Valley. Many lives were lost when the public stands caught fire, every structure being burnt to the ground except the Lusitano Stand (on the extreme left of the picture) which had been built about 50 yards away from the rest.

Racing Fixtures Are Cancelled

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuters).—The "Racing Calendar" states that the Jockey Club, after receiving information that no racing was possible before October 16 at the earliest, had cancelled the remaining fixtures of the season, including the Cesarewitch.

When the authorities grant permission, new programmes will be arranged. (In the last war racing was suspended from August 6 to August 26, 1914, and was resumed at Gatwick on August 28, and continued to the end of the season. A number of war time meetings were held at selected centres so that transport of horses and the public was reduced to the minimum. Substitute races for the Derby, Oaks and St. Leger were run at Newmarket, where extra meetings were held.)

RANDOM TURF NOTES

AS the publication of the handicap weights for the first meeting to be held on September 25 is not yet available, I will discuss the prospects of the various Australian and China ponies in my next racing notes.

THE Australian ponies are in great form and the best performance was that of last Saturday by Sydney Lad "B" class (Mr. Heurne) covering the mile in 1.57 1/2 with a last quarter of 20 1/2 for the last stanza.

BRUTUS has been demoted to "C" class and this descendant of Morang should be closely watched. Baffin Bay had an outing over a mile last Tuesday and the bay gelding seemed to enjoy the excursion trip in 2.01 coming home in 28 1/2 for the last quarter.

CRIFTEL was sent over the mile in 2.06 1/2 registering 27 1/2 for the home stretch and that was not too bad for a "B" class contender. A close examination of her intermediate quarters reveals that the last half-mile was negotiated in 56 1/2 seconds.

result that they could only save the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's pavilion from further destruction—only the stone building was left.

At a meeting held that very afternoon, the Stewards decided to postpone the running of the China Stakes (five furlongs), and on the following morning the late Mr. John Johnston backed by all the owners sent in a petition that the rest of the big meeting should be abandoned and this was unanimously approved. Within a month or so the defunct Hongkong Gymkhana Club held their first annual meeting, but the absence of our Chinese friends was most conspicuous. It was after this disaster that there were no more matched booths at the subsequent meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club and the return of Chinese with the inclusion of those inside the racetrack started once again in huge force in 1925.

Here And There With "Abe"

Tony Galento Steps Into Ring Again

RECENTLY the bullyhoo machine began to work on the fight between "Two-Ton" Tony Galento and Lou Nova which is to take place at the Philadelphia Municipal Stadium to-night. This will be the first major heavyweight contest in Philadelphia since the Joe Louis-Al Ettore bout of 1936, which drew over \$40,000 in receipts. Special interest attaches to the Galento-Nova bout for Mike Jacobs has spoken of the possibility of a fight between the winner of this bout and of the Louis-Pastor twenty-round battle later in the month. Herman Taylor, the promoter of the fight, has predicted a bigger crowd than that which attended the Louis-Ettore fight. The stadium can hold 125,000 people, Galento and Nova will each receive 25 per cent. of the receipts.

and who recently gained world-wide fame by stopping former champion Max Baer in 12 furious rounds, was to have met Galento earlier, but the bout was postponed because Nova caught cold while training at Atlantic City. After scoring a brilliant victory over Baer, Nova was originally set to oppose Louis for the world title. Boxing experts, however, advised him against taking a risk at the present time in facing Louis. They pointed out that he needed seasoning and that he needed the experience of a couple of more fights against top-notch men before taking a crack at the world title. Although arrangements were made for a fight between Nova and Galento after Galento had lost to Louis, the bout was postponed because Nova was not satisfied with the financial terms. Nova at that time planned to invade London and oppose Tommy Farr. Plans for the English invasion, however, fell through and Nova was, definitely signed up to meet Galento on September 7. The fight was postponed until to-night in order to allow Nova to recover from his cold.

Alameda Adonis

LOU Nova, youthful scrapper, known as the Alameda Adonis

Lawn Bowls

Police R. C. Withdraw From League

(By "Abe")
Owing to the extra duties imposed on the Force, the Police R.C. are finding it increasingly difficult to field two teams for their Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturdays, and in consequence they have decided to withdraw from the First Division. So far the Police R.C. have played only 11 matches in this division, their remaining five games being as follows:

v. Recreation "B" (away)
v. Kowloon Docks (away)
v. Kowloon B.C.C. (away)
v. Kowloon B.C.C. (home)
v. Craigengower C.C. (home)

It is understood that points have been awarded to each of the above teams.

The Police R.C., however, are carrying on in the Second Division. NOT IN DANGER

Despite forfeiting points on their remaining five matches, the Police R.C. are not in danger of relegation in the First Division. This is the position at the bottom of the League Table:

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Police | 11 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Recreation "B" | 12 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| K. Dock | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

It will thus be seen that if the Recreation "B" win three of their remaining four matches (one of which should have been against the Police) they will be in a better position than the Police; but though the Docks now receive two points from the Police as the result of getting a walk-over, they cannot hope to get more than nine points even if they beat the Indians at Soekunpo.

The danger of relegation still remains with Recreation "B" and Kowloon Docks.

Starting Times At Fanling

The following are the starting times of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling on Sunday:

| OLD COURSE | |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 9.15 | J. T. Smith, F. D. Hunter. |
| 9.20 | A. N. & G. A. A. Marlayden. |
| 9.24 | G. M. Park, E. G. Price. |
| 9.28 | J. C. Brown, J. G. Jackson. |
| 9.32 | J. B. Harrison, J. M. Pearson. |
| 9.36 | M. Pollock, F. H. Pipe. |
| 9.40 | A. B. Purves, I. H. Geare. |

Titlo Fight

MEANWHILE all plans have been completed for the world championship fight between Louis and Bob Pastor at Detroit on September 20. The bout, the first 20-round title bout scheduled since Jack Dempsey hammered out a victory for the world crown in Toledo in 1919 against Jess Willard, will mark the second crack that Pastor will be taking at Louis. They fought once before in 1937 when Pastor managed to keep away from a knock-out by running round the ring for ten rounds and dodging Louis' blows. Louis won but was criticised for failing to nail his man. Pastor, however, found it difficult to obtain first class bouts for many months after the fiasco against Louis because of his failure to stand up and fight which naturally affected his drawing power.

Saigon Team Arriving At Week-End

It was announced this morning that the friendly soccer match, arranged for Sunday, between Eastern and St. Joseph's has been cancelled.

The reason is due to the Saigon team, which was due to arrive in Hongkong last week, will now be here this week-end and will play the Eastern A.A. in the first of the three matches arranged for them in the Colony on Sunday.

On the following Saturday, the Saigon players will meet the Combined Chinese and on Sunday they will be opposed by the Rest of Hongkong.

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GALLANT LOSING FIGHT BY POLES

(Continued from Page 1.)

"Fall under fields of mine" and German fire. "Operations in south Poland are encountering only slight resistance and are progressing rapidly to the eastward." These operations are taking the Germans toward the Rumanian and Soviet frontiers, with the obvious intention of cutting the Poles off from Rumania. Strong forces have reached the Lublin-Lwow road near Rawaruska. "The Vistula has been crossed at several points north of Sandomierz," the communique continues. "The encircling attack against the Polish division near Katno has rolled forward and the ring around the Polish capital was closed yesterday from the east."

Forces Disorganised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Sept. 15 (UP).—Rumours are current here that Hitler plans to make Lwow the Capital of a Ukrainian State which some day might be used as a stepping stone to the Russian Ukraine. It is reported that the Germans are

FIGHTING INCREASES AS FRONT LINES WIDEN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Moelle district, on the extreme western part of the Franco-German frontier.

Watchers on the Luxembourg side of the frontier saw the French tanks move into action after heavy artillery preparation.

The German outpost were compelled to withdraw and engineers blew up the railway line to stem the advance.

The rout of the battle could be heard as far away as the city of Luxembourg. The authorities immediately ordered evacuation of Schevenen, at the southernmost tip of Luxembourg.

bombing the road from Lwow, southeast along the Dniester, in order to prevent the large Polish forces, which have become disorganised after the heavy fighting, from re-forming into divisions.

It is reported that all rail traffic from Lwow to the Rumanian border, and possible from Lwow to Lublin, has been suspended.

COMMUNIST ATTITUDE

Soviet Allegations Against Poland

MOSCOW, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Allegations of the oppression of "Russian minorities" in Poland, numbering 8,000,000, are made by "Pravda", the official Communist organ, which asserts that the Polish ruling circles have done everything possible to aggravate relations with national minorities to bring them to a state of extreme tension.

"Pravda" analyses the internal causes of Poland's "defeat" and says these are difficult to explain merely by the superiority of German technique, equipment and lack of effective assistance from Britain and France.

Poland's "Disintegration"

"All reports in the situation in Poland show that disorganisation of the entire Polish State machinery is constantly increasing. It proved so impotent and inefficient that it began to crumble with the first military setbacks."

"Poles are only 60 per cent. of the population; the remainder include 8,000,000 Ukrainians and 3,000,000 White Russians without autonomy, national schools, etc."

"It is clear that without such rights it is impossible to preserve a multi-national State and to assure internal unity and vital power."

No Cause For Disquiet

MOSCOW, Sept. 14, (Reuter).—A rumour that the Polish Embassy were preparing to leave Moscow is categorically denied in authoritative Polish circles here.

It is stated that M. Gryzbowski, the Polish Ambassador, has not asked for his passport.

Competent Polish circles here do

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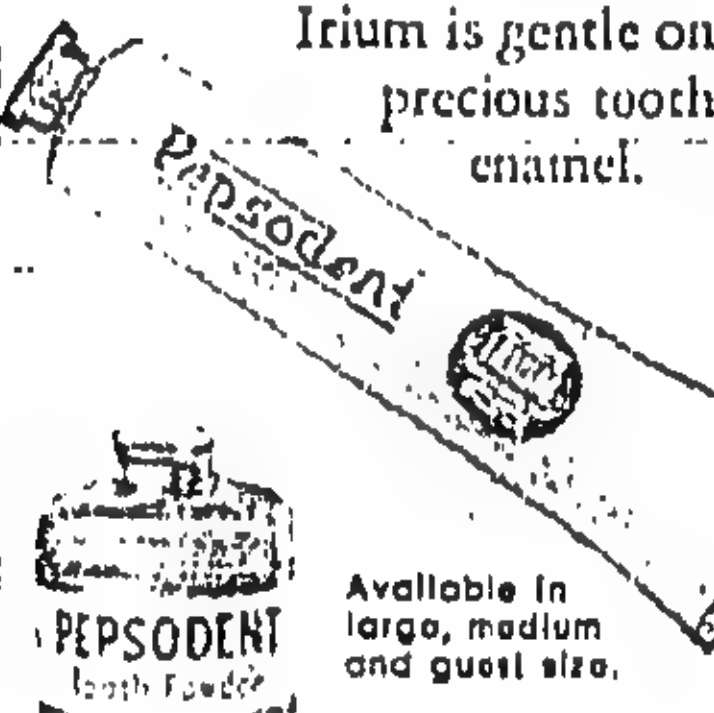
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not profess disquiet over the "Pravda" editorial regarding alleged mistreatment of Russian minorities in Poland, and disagree with some foreign quarters here which regard the editorial as a Soviet statement of interest in the fate of the Ukrainian and White Russian minorities in Poland.

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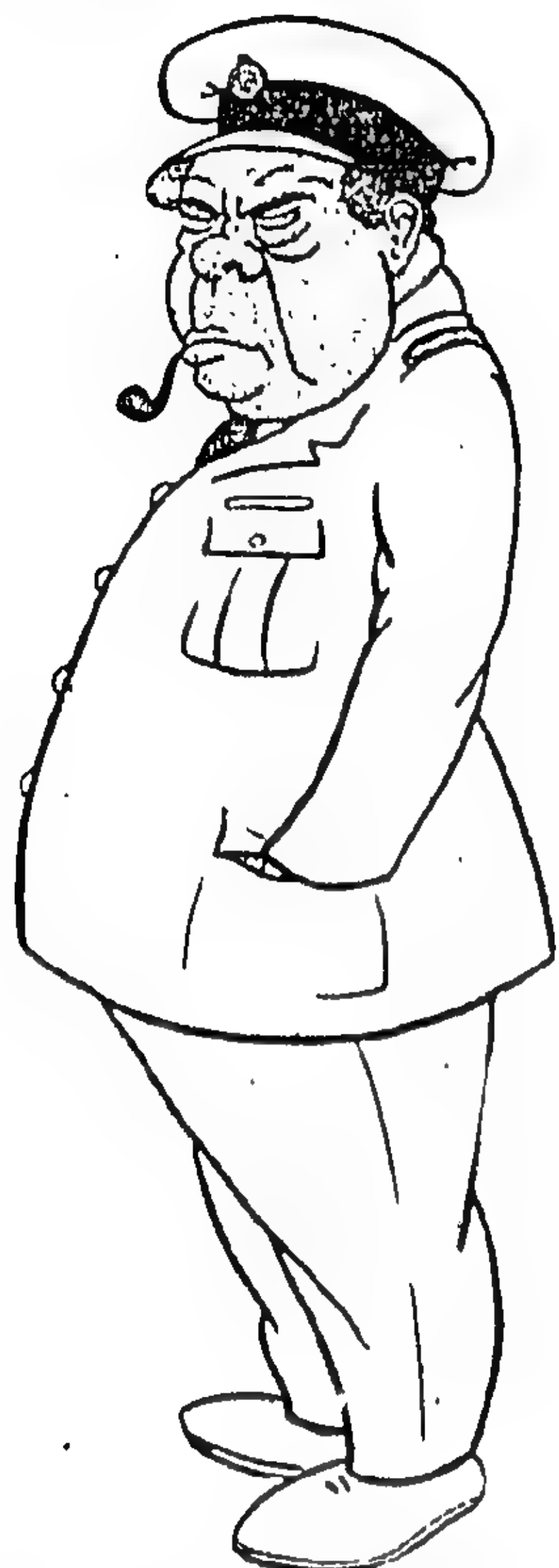
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Censorship

RELATIONSHIP between the Gov-
ernment and the Press in times
of national emergency may be re-
garded as within the ambit of or-
ganisation for national defence. In
war-time some degree of control is
inevitable and necessary, and the
Press is the first to admit that its
freedom, so jealously guarded in
times of peace, must be subordinated
to national interests in times of war.
It is all-important, however, that
the control should be as little as
possible the proper function of the
Press, which is to inform and con-
solidate public opinion.

The Ministry of Information in
London has already created several
psychological blunders which have
done much to undermine confidence
in the Press—namely the delay and
confusion in the release of in-
formation regarding the sinking of
the Athenia, the silence regarding
the Royal Air Force exploit at Kiel
and the muddle over news of the
transfer of the British Expeditionary
Force to France.

British news agencies have been
hampered to such an extent by the
restrictions imposed firstly by the
Ministry of Information and, second-
ly, by the strict censorship of all
outgoing traffic, that their reports are
probably seldom published in the big
cities of the world, which give pride
of place in their columns to the news
agency which first provides the story.
In Hongkong we have cases in point.
"Reuters", apparently, were not even
permitted to mention the final
Ultimatum to Germany, for the only
report received in Hongkong of this
momentous decision was carried by
"United Press". Again, the only
News Agency report of the actual
declaration of a State of War be-
tween Britain and Germany published
on the day war started was from the
American agency, the "Reuter"
report being delayed en route for
some hours.

If the Ministry of Information and
the British and Colonial censors in-
tend to maintain the type of
muzzling which was enforced during
the Great War they are committing
a blunder of the first magnitude. In
these days, it is possible for people
living in every corner of the world
to obtain first-hand information of
events by radio, and the only effect
of delay and undue censorship will
be to turn the public from their
newspapers (which, in British lands,
are naturally pro-British) to their
radio receivers, which owe loyalty to
no country and no ideals, but obey
the dictates of the hand that turns
the dials.

In Hongkong, listeners can, and do,
turn to Shanghai and to Manila for
uncensored news and comment. They
can, and do, turn to Zeesens for the
German version of the war. They
can obtain up-to-the-minute cover-
age from San Francisco.

Hongkong newspapers and, through
them, the Hongkong public are prob-
ably typical of any part of the over-
seas British Empire. Hongkong
newspapers are British, first and
foremost.

Impetuous interference with the
news is merely inviting readers to
turn from these newspapers, which
are of a known quality, to the radio.
As Mr. Greenwood stated in the
House of Commons yesterday, by
clamping down a shutter of silence
the Ministry of Information and the
censors, either at the despatching or

Beneath the heel of their new conqueror the Czech people
are not squirming. Day and night the Czech Mafia organises
resistance to the Germans, sabotages their factories, holds
up their plans. What is this secret society of patriots?
Here a member of the Mafia—who must obviously remain
anonymous—tells you something of the way in which

THE CZECHS ARE STANDING UP TO GERMANY

"THE MAFIA MUST BE
EXTIRPATED," DECLARED
Herr Himmler, head of the German
Police and Gestapo, after his recent
visit to Czechoslovakia.

What is this Mafia against which
Himmler's hate is directed? It has no
connection with the Sicilian Mafia of
50 years ago. It is a secret political
organisation, founded during the Great
War to fight against the Hapsburgs for
Czech independence. Its leaders were
Thomas G. Masaryk and Eduard Benes.
Its objective attained, the Mafia dis-
solved.

To-day, with Czechoslovakia once
more under a foreign tyranny, it has
been resurrected, led in part by the
same men who founded it. To the ex-
perience gained during the old "fight
in the dark" against the Hapsburgs,
the Mafia has added some of the
methods used by the Heinelein Nazis in
Sudetenland before Munich.

THE CZECH MAFIA HAS TWO
sections, the organisation abroad and
the internal secret society. Both are
led by Dr. Benes and the friends who
fled the country when the Nazis
marched in. Its members, small in
number, include industrialists and
workmen, police officials and Army
officers, typists and porters. In it
members of different political parties
sink their differences to attain the
common end—national freedom.

The centres outside Czechoslo-
vakia are at Paris and Chicago. As
during the world war, it is the Ameri-
can Czechs who find most of the money,
but now, inside the country itself, a
secret fund is being organised.

Between Paris and Prague there is
a regular "underground" system of
couriers. Money, material for propa-
ganda, and orders are sent in; news,
information about internal conditions,
are sent out.

THE AIM OF THE MAFIA IS TO
free the Czech people. But it knows
that to foment a revolution against the
Nazis would at present be suicidal.
History has taught, however, that con-
ditions may change in a night.

So the Mafia keeps alight the
flame of freedom, prepares the people
for the day when the blow must be
struck.

Most important of the work inside
the country is to counter German propa-
ganda. During the last few months
the Mafia has honeycombed the coun-
try with its cells.

A member finds half a dozen
patriots whom he can trust. They set
to work preparing leaflets, anti-Ger-
man propaganda of all kinds.

Recently thousands of Czech
families received a communication
headed: "Ten Laws for Loyal Czechs."
It was flaming summons to have faith
in a higher justice and the ultimate
triumph of right, and ended: "Trust
Benes. Never forget our national
motto, Pravda Vitezi (Truth Pre-
vails)." It went through the post
with the help of the Mafia-organisa-
tion inside that civil service.

Another method used to reach the
masses is chain-letters containing im-
portant and truthful news of the in-
ternal and the international situation.
Small leaflets, printed on illegal
presses, are distributed in thousands.
Recently the Gestapo seized six such
presses but there are plenty more to
fill the gap. Czech master printers do
not care to know why their workmen
spend so much time at the works dur-
ing the evenings.

When the Nazis changed the
street names from Masaryk, Revolution
and Freedom Streets to Hitler or
Horst Wessel, the Mafia called out its
painters and the next morning the
streets had their old names again.

Two pirate radio transmitters
have been in operation. They broad-
cast recordings of news, extracts from
speeches in the House of Commons
and the French Parliament. The Ges-
tapo traced one transmitter to a wood
and seized it. But the Mafia men
working it got away.

THE MAFIA WORKS NOT
only against the Nazis but against
the Czech Fascists. A few so-called
"Nationalists" helped the Germans.
The Mafia knows them, has marked
them down and destroyed what in-
fluence they had.

The Mafia, too, knows the agents-
provocateurs, shadows them, exposes
them, and frequently organises their
"disappearance." The attempts of the
Czech Fascists to stir up race-hatred
and anti-Semitism are exposed. Anti-
Semitism is merely a mask used by the
Nazis, says the Mafia, and distributes
thousands of leaflets to hammer home
the point.

One of the most remarkable fea-
tures of the Mafia is its organisation
for collecting information. It has its
agents in official departments, and often
has information of Government
"secrets" as soon as the Government
itself. It taps telephone lines, and, in-
cidentally, when doing this work, it
found a number of secret lines laid by
the Sudeten Nazis. Needless to say,
such lines were destroyed, except when
the Mafia thought it could put them to
better uses.

With the good will of thousands
of workers, and with their active co-
operation, the Mafia organises espion-
age and sabotage in key industries of

vital importance to the Nazis. Indis-
pensable blue-prints which cannot be
reproduced disappear; measuring in-
struments get out of gauge, and in an
armament factory where a thousandth
of an inch is of vital importance, in-
describable havoc can be caused by
such methods.

It was Mafia agents who strewed
sand in machinery in the Skoda arma-
ment works, and who used hypodermic
syringes to impregnate copper arma-
tures on dynamos with acid, irretriev-
ably ruining them.

Chemical formulae have been
stolen and sent abroad, and a check
is kept on the production of armaments
and information of new types and de-
velopments is sent to Paris. There is
no secret which the Mafia does not
know.

WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS
of Czech workmen were sent to
Germany, the Mafia agents went with
them, formed cells, got into touch with
"underground" elements in Germany,
and spread the net of factory sabotage
over the Reich itself. They organised
espionage, working hand in hand with
the German Freedom Front, stirring
the German masses to join with them
in resistance to the Nazis.

Another activity of the Mafia is
in organising the escape of political
suspects. The Mafia group at Mu-
hrisch-Osttau, near the Polish frontier,
have specialised in this work and
smuggled scores of their fellow-
countrymen across the frontier to
safety. Their intimate knowledge of
the mountains and forests, the active
sympathy of the local population, have
enabled the Mafia to defy all attempts
of the Gestapo to curtail such activi-
ties.

And, most important of all, the
Mafia is succeeding in its main object
of maintaining the morale of the Czech
people and of keeping their spirit un-
broken.

DISCONTENT AMONG THE
Czechs is increasing, and with it
resistance to the conquerors. The
underground fight grows keener every
day, and resistance, while unostentatious,
is resolute, active and efficient.

The Mafia members have 25 years'
experience behind them; they have,
too, the support of the Czech youth
who have enjoyed 20 years of indepen-
dence and know what it means. They
have also a greater measure of
sympathy from the world outside than
they had 25 years ago when the Czech
people were scarcely known.

That people will not cease in its
struggle for freedom, and in that strug-
gle the Mafia will play, as it played
before, the dominating role.

The Navy Forbade Sunday Flying

WHEN AVIATION WAS BORN IN ENGLAND

WHEN King George came to
the throne in 1910 he did
not hold a review of his armed
forces in the air—and for a
very simple reason. There
were none.

How could anyone even con-
template an air review at a time
when, out of a population of
millions, only eight persons had
qualified as pilots—all of them
civilians?

FRIGHTENING HORSES

It was not until shortly after the
Coronation celebrations that an en-
thusiastic Army officer gained his
flying certificate and took his ma-
chine to the autumn manoeuvres. He
was the subject of dignified curiosity,
and that was about all. Command-

receiving ends, are inviting people to
turn elsewhere for their information.
Too much censorship makes news-
papers unreliable, discredited and
worthless.

We are the first to admit the necessity of censor-
ship in war-time but we hope that
the typical example of local methods
which we reproduce elsewhere in
this issue is not to become a per-
manent phase of relationship between
Hongkong newspapers and the cen-
sors appointed by the Hongkong
Government.

ing officers made a joke of the en-
terprise. Cavalrymen were particu-
larly obnoxious. They shooed the
machine away because they feared it
might frighten the horses.

So far as aeronautical effort in the
Services was concerned at that time,
activity was limited to the work of
a few balloonists at Farnborough. It
seems odd to think that a weapon
which at the beginning of the King's
reign was militarily non-existent is
now dominant in warfare.

Only a few months before July
1910, had the real possibilities of
aviation begun to attract attention.
The Rheims meeting had taken
place. Doncaster and Blackpool had
held flying meetings. Latham had
won the leading prize at the latter
place in October, 1909, for flying a
distance of less than six miles in a
high wind.

S. F. Cody had gained praise be-
cause, in September, his "Flying
Cathedral" flew for 80 yards. Mr.
Handley Page had produced what
was to be, a little later, the first
aeroplane to fly over London. It
was called "The Anticlastic" because
it was coated with a non-rusting
composition. Col. Moore-Brabazon
had won a prize of £1,000 in March,

68 M.P.H. SPEED RECORD

Not until after the Coronation did
a Frenchman succeed in winning a
prize of £10,000 by making a flight
from London to Manchester in
stages, and the effort was rightly re-
garded as wonderful. The world's
speed record in the air for the year
1910 was less than 60 miles per
hour, and the first flight from Lon-
don to Paris was still unattempted.

It was not until 1911 that the Ad-
miralty graciously allowed four
naval officers to learn to fly on ma-
chines which a patriotic civilian had
generously presented, together with
an aerodrome. On one thing, how-
ever, the Admiralty was very firm.
There must not be any flying on
Sundays. The War Office at that
time had not even formed the Air
Battalion which preceded the esta-
blishment, in 1912, of the Royal
Flying Corps.

The Coronation celebrations came
at a period in which flying was a
most hazardous affair. The specu-
lation in regard to a new machine
was not how fast or how far it could

go, but the very much more doubt-
ful one of "will it fly?" Many in
the old days simply would not leave
the ground, and all had to wait for
perfect weather conditions before
making the attempt.

At the outset, pilots judged con-
ditions by means of their cigarette
smoke. If the smoke ascended ver-
tically the conditions were safe.
The slightest ripple of wind along
the grass filled them with appren-
sion. Spectators had to be pa-
tient, and wait for hours, for even
if the wind was absent, any one of
a hundred complications might re-
sult in the engine not functioning
as desired.

Looking back, however, the really
extraordinary thing is that the
during pilots of the thoroughly un-
sound machines which were at first
produced were able to avoid being
killed. Cody relied on a bamboo
structure. Sir Allott Verdon Roe
used a special kind of paper with
which to cover the wings of his early
aeroplanes. Engines at first had a
chain drive. Wright machines ran
along a rail in order to take off.

At the time of the Coronation,
and for long after, parachutes were
for all practical purposes unknown.
Attempts to ensure safety were be-
ing made from a different angle.
Mr. Ruyard Kipling expressed
the opinion in 1910 that some form

PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

GRAPHIC DETAILS OF WILHELMSHAVEN RAIDS RELEASED

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The fact that the British air force raiders on German warships at Wilhelmshaven and Brunsbüttel on September 4 swooped so low that they almost touched a warship masthead, and saw in vivid detail all what was happening on her decks and the quayside, was revealed in an eye-witness account just issued.

The leader of the first flight of three machines described how they started at 4 p.m. in fine weather and soon encountered foul weather.

They reached Wilhelmshaven in two hours and could see a warship taking on stores from tenders, and could even see some washing on the line.

"WE DROPPED OUR BOMBS"

"The ship's crew began to run fast to their stations, and we dropped our bombs."

The second pilot flying behind saw two hits, and he took a photograph just before he dropped his first bomb.

As he turned homeward, machine gun bullets, looking like blue electric sparks, began to zip past his wing-tip.

The third pilot saw the first bomb dropped from the second bomber and said that it appeared to drop amidships.

By this time the guns were going and the third pilot got some hot stuff. Nevertheless, he dropped his bombs and made a half-circle around the battleship.

Only one German machine was seen; it flew past and then disappeared.

Hit Plane Returns

The flight returned at 7.30 p.m. Officers and crew of another flight which participated also give a graphic description, and record that one aircraft was hit several times by shells and bullets, but it returned safely with two petrol tanks punctured.

This second flight encountered half a dozen enemy fighters near the German coast. They played hide-and-seek and eluded the pursuers. Just as they reached their target, terrific anti-aircraft fire caused the attackers to manoeuvre swiftly, after which they straightened out and dropped their bombs.

Other aircraft participating in the raid returned independently and sighted a German submarine which dived hastily. The raiders said they regretted they hadn't any bombs left, as the submarine would have been an easy victim.

Another bomber passed right over Holmgland fortifications but was unmolested.

Nazis Cannot Understand Propaganda Misfired With The Arabs

LONDON, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information has denied reports published in Germany that the support of the Arabs for the Allied cause was won by bribery.

Allegations that the most prominent Arab newspaper in Palestine had been bribed can be dismissed by drawing attention to the standing of the newspaper.

Expressions of loyalty to Britain had come from Arabs all over Palestine. The Arab leaders at Gaza had expressed their determination to support the Empire and the Bedouin sheikhs in southern Palestine had pledged full co-operation.

Nazi Attack On Dutch Plane

LONDON, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—A description of the Nazi-Netherlands air clash yesterday says that the Dutch naval plane which was attacked was flying over Netherlands territory.

The Dutch craft was attacked and destroyed on the ground after it had been forced to land by Nazi planes. The crew of four in the Dutch plane, two of whom were slightly injured, were taken to a German island, but are now on their way home.

CONEY ISLAND BLAZE

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Coney Island, New York's famous amusement centre, is on fire.

The fire started in an empty wax-works museum and spread with amazing rapidity.

The main centre of Coney Island, known as the Steeplechase, is almost completely destroyed.

GLOOM IN BERLIN

Germans Now Have Two Meatless Days

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Life in Berlin becomes gloomier every day, says a report reaching Brussels.

The Germans now have two meatless days a week—Mondays and Fridays—though there is little meat on other days.

More fish than meat is to be seen on the restaurant menus. Petrol is to be rationed still further next week, and only certain officials will be allowed to obtain supplies.

Several domestic textile articles are no longer being manufactured in Germany.

Housewives have been warned that none will be available when the present stocks are exhausted.

A shortage of domestic coal is also feared.

Germany says she will continue to export coal to neutral countries, but this will prove difficult as the Saar coalfield has been partly occupied by the French.

SLOVAKIAN SABOTAGE

Wreckers Active In Nazi Districts

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Wreckers have been active in Slovakia, says the Nazi official news agency.

"Stern action" has been taken, says the agency.

In addition, many Slovak Jews have been arrested and thrown into concentration camps.

[The Czechs stand up to Germany—See Page Four.]

Czech "Hostages"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The official Nazi news agency denies a report that 400 Czechs in Bohemia and Moravia have been taken as hostages.

The agency admits, however, that a number of Czechs have been taken into custody "for reasons of public safety."

Nazi "Protector"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—A message broadcast by Radio Paris says that Baron von Neurath, the Nazi Protector of Bohemia and Moravia has resumed supreme authority over taxes, the post office, the railways and the Ministry of Justice in Prague.

LETTERS

Censorship

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—Your editorial in to-day's "Telegraph", entitled "Censorship", suggests in the third paragraph, that American news agencies in London are not hampered by Ministry of Information and censorship restrictions to the same extent as the British agencies.

I am sure this is not the case. Speaking for "United Press" I can assure you that our messages from London have to pass through the same channels as any other news agencies.

The two messages you specifically mention—the British and French final ultimatum and the declaration of war—were both flashed from London direct, having passed through the censor's hands in London and afterwards in Hongkong.

If "United Press" were ahead of any other news agency with this all-important news, it was simply because we make it our business to be first with the news, and no effort is spared at any point in the "United Press" world-wide organisation to achieve this end.

United Press Associations
Hanson Guan,
Manager in Hongkong.

CENSORING THE NEWS

Defending The Ministry Of Information

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day Lord MacMillan, head of the Ministry of Information, answered criticisms concerning the initial work of his department.

He said that he agreed with what had been said on all sides of the House as to the department's true function.

"It is a Ministry of expression, not a Ministry of repression, least of all of deception."

It would be his task to place before the people of Britain—and before the peoples of other countries—the truth about what they were doing, thinking and hoping.

Reluctant To Talk

One could understand that those engaged in the actual work of the war were reluctant to talk about it, or to waste their time, as they might say, in providing mere news about it.

"I think in a democracy like ours, even the fighting services have to become publicly minded. Therefore, they must not be reluctant to help me in any task of giving the public as much information as can be given consistent with the exigencies of the military situation," declared Lord MacMillan.

German Ministry

"The first contacts have been made with the fighting ministries and they have assured me that they will help as far as they possibly can in the provision of news."

"The Ministry of Information labours under a grave handicap compared with the Ministry of Information in Berlin, most of whose propaganda and information are lies."

Lord MacMillan thought that in the long run the foreign press would appreciate that the facts they received from Britain were authentic news and statements only.

Lord MacMillan referred to several unprecedented features of the war from a publicity viewpoint, the first of which was the speed with which developments took place in the air. He thought that the issue at once of information to assuage public anxiety would be done.

B.B.C. And The Press

Another problem was that of seeing the B.B.C. should not be allowed to prejudge in any way the reasonable rights of the press, whose services were more valuable than ever.

Lord MacMillan referred to the mechanical impediments and the crowded state of the ether and cables, and on the latter matter declared that Government publicity should not always have priority when it was not urgent.

Arrangements had been made for the War Office to send a General Staff Officer of high rank to give a confidential talk to accredited press representatives each week, and officers from the Admiralty and Air Ministry would also talk to the press confidentially on special occasions.

It had also been arranged that each service department should nominate an officer of high rank to act as adviser and supplier of confidential information on military matters.

Disastrous Hopei Floods

27 Districts Now Affected

SOUTH HOPEI, Sept. 15, (Central).—Twenty-seven districts in south Hopei are seriously affected by flood, according to an investigation conducted by the Hopei Flood Relief Commission.

They include Hengshui, Tsingho, Ninghsin, Nanho, Tocheng, Lumping, Tsaochang, Chihhsien, Wuyi, Kuehng, Pinghsiang, Jenhsien, Chitseh, Tunglu, Yungchien, Hsinho, Kulu, Weishien, Tsinhsien, Chaohsien, Chihhsien, Pailiang, Kwangling, Kuchow and Fehhsiang.

A total of 5,401,000 mow of farm land is inundated and there are 75,801 refugees. No fewer than 10,000 houses have collapsed. The inundation was caused by the overflowing of the Tzu Yu, Ta Tsing, Chu Lung, Kan Tang, and Hu To Rivers. Low-lying places are under water between ten and twenty feet deep.

There is yet no sign of the floods subsiding. General Lu Chung-lin, Chairman of the Hopei Provincial Government, is personally inspecting the flooded areas and extending relief to the refugees.

He has sent a petition to Chungking asking for relief funds.

The Craigengower Cricket Club will be holding their fortnightly Whist Drive at the Club house tomorrow commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Blockade And The Neutrals

America Defines Its Position

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The effectiveness of the British contraband control system is revealed in an official statement, which says that already large quantities of contraband have been prevented from reaching the enemy.

Replying to the German wireless distortion of the purpose of the British contraband policy as strangulating neutral trade, a statement emphasises that Britain does not seek to dictate to any neutral Government.

She will do all in her power to facilitate bona fide neutral trade, and no attempt will be made in any way to prevent normal importation into neutral countries of foodstuffs and other goods and material destined for their own consumption.

U.S. Position

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—In the course of a formal statement on the attitude of the United States towards the blockade announced by the belligerent States, Mr. Cordell Hull to-day declared:

"The Government reserves all rights of the United States and its nationals under international law, and will adopt measures as may seem most practical and prudent when those rights are violated by any belligerent."

He added that the United States Government gave the widest possible notice to American shipping with regard to the danger areas.

It had warned American nationals and American shipping against actual danger in any other respect, and it must expect American nationals likewise to exercise due diligence in keeping clear of danger, actual or potential.

It endeavoured to exercise all due diligence in the protection of American lives and property, and it must expect American nationals likewise to exercise due diligence in keeping clear of danger, actual or potential.

Searching U.S. Ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, declared at a press conference to-day that as far as he was advised there was nothing seriously unusual in the searching of American ships by Britain and of the taking off of contraband.

It is revealed that Mr. Cordell Hull is to make a speech at the New York World's Fair on Thursday, September 21.

Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information issued a statement this afternoon to the effect that Nazi propaganda is now taking the form of threats to neutral nations.

Neutrals are now being told plainly just what Germany considers to be neutrality and unneutrality.

The Nazi radio is distorting the British contraband regulations, which it alleges are a measure designed to strangle neutral States.

It is up to the neutral States to judge for themselves from what quarter comes the threat to them—from the open contraband measures of the Allies, or with the Nazi submarine campaign and thinly veiled menaces, declares the Ministry of Information.

Humanisation Of Warfare Pope Pius Appeals To Belligerents

ROME, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—His Holiness the Pope, addressing the Belgian Ambassador to the Vatican when the latter presented his credentials to-day, said he would seek every opportunity to conclude a peace honourable to all, with the aim of preventing a general conflagration.

He added: "Should this be impossible I will strive to lessen the pains of war by urging the belligerents to conform to international agreements, spare civil populations, treat prisoners well, and avoid the use of gas."

No Gas Warfare

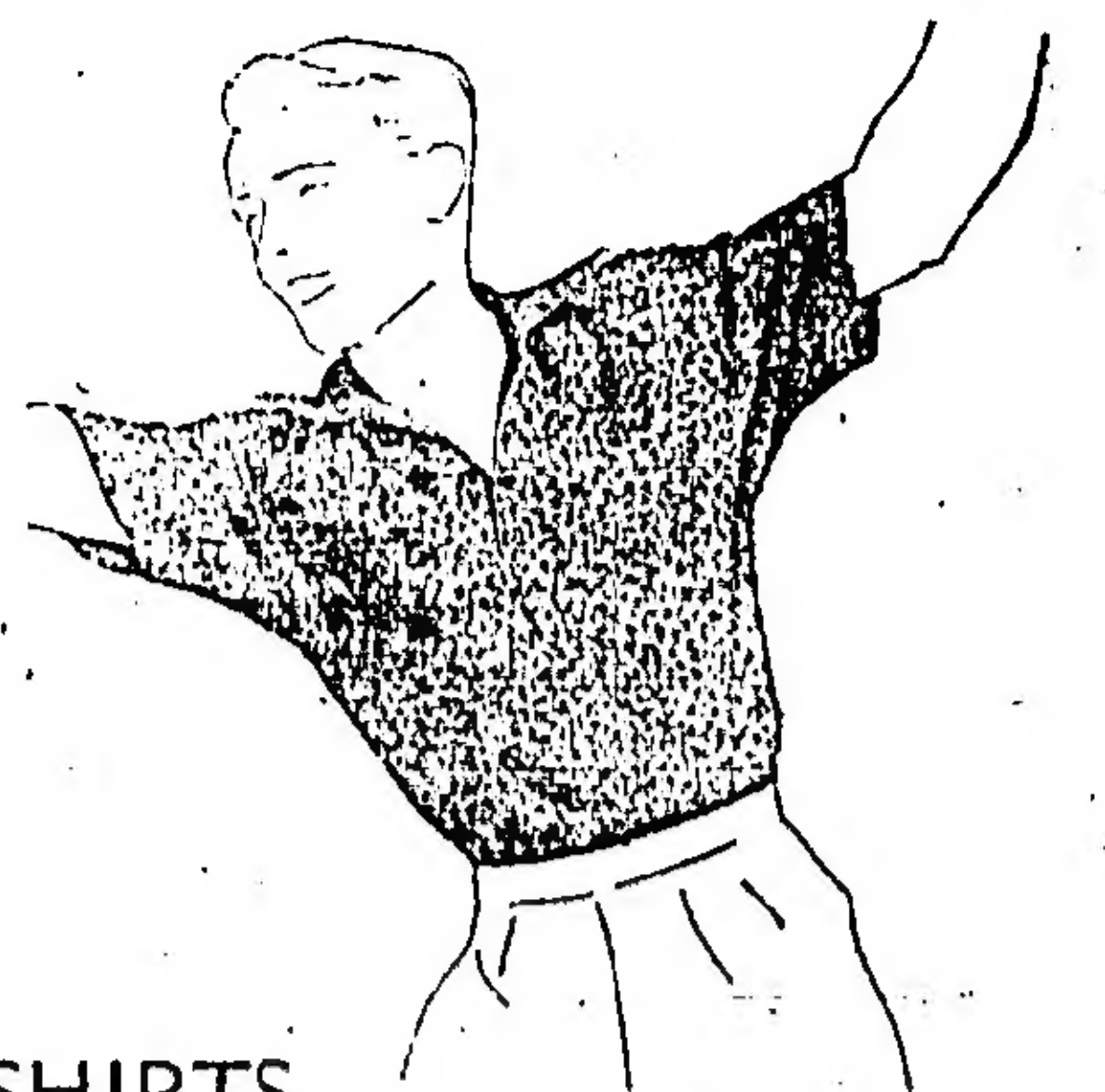
LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuter).—Viscount Halifax revealed in the House of Lords to-day that when Sir Neville Henderson, former British Ambassador to Berlin, asked for his passport, he presented a note enquiring whether Germany would observe the terms of the Geneva Gas Protocol of 1925, prohibiting the use of poisonous and asphyxiating gas and bacteriological methods of warfare.

The German Government had now replied in the affirmative to this enquiry through the Swiss Minister in London, who is in charge of their interests. They reserve full liberty of action in the event of the provisions of the protocol being infringed by the enemy.

Won't Attack Civilians

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 14 (UP).—Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question



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In the House of Commons, regarding the bombing of open Polish towns, said: "Whatever may be the length to which others may go, Great Britain will never resort to deliberate attacks on women and children and other civilians for the purpose of terrorism."

He reiterated that the Anglo-French reply to President Roosevelt's appeal not to bomb open towns was on the condition that similar restraint be observed by the enemy.

"The Government must, of course, hold themselves free if such restraint is not observed and take such action as they may deem appropriate."

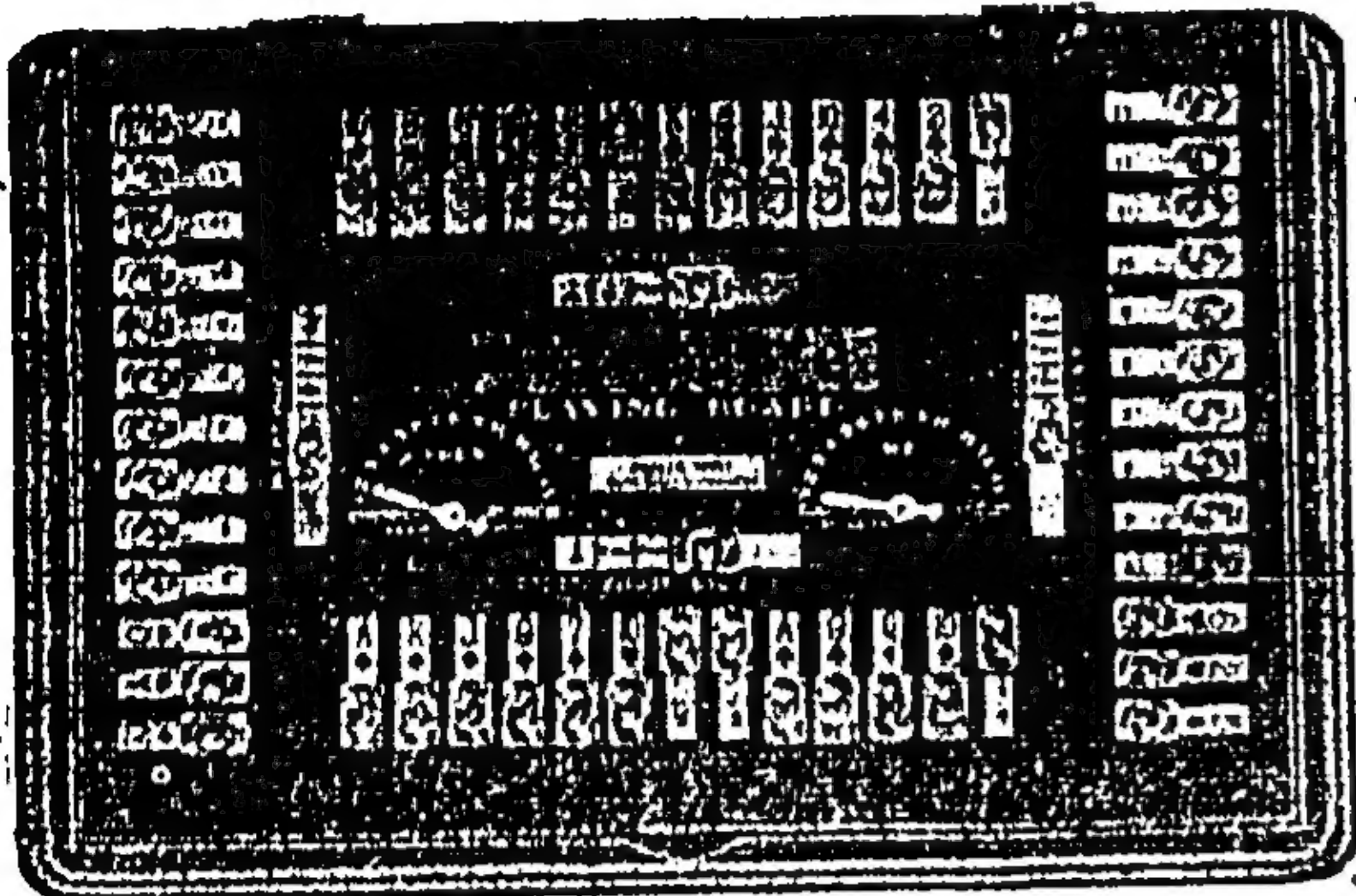
"If action of the kind suggested by the German announcement is taken, it will inevitably further strengthen the resolve of ourselves and our allies, to so conduct our policy and so persecute the war, as to ensure that the menace that we are fighting is finally removed," Mr. Chamberlain concluded.

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America Is Watching

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 14 (UP).—IT is authoritatively stated that at the meeting of the defence commanders, the Japanese Navy representative said the Shanghai defence plan is outdated since it was intended to serve against outside Chinese aggression against the Settlement, which the Japanese Army had removed. The Japanese then asked for suggestions, but there was only an icy silence.

Following a short recess, suggestions were still not forthcoming, although the British agreed that some revision was possibly necessary and agreed that the Staff officers should negotiate.

Racing Fixtures Are Cancelled

LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuters).—The "Racing Calendar" states that the Jockey Club, after receiving information that no racing was possible before October 16 at the earliest, had cancelled the remaining fixtures of the season, including the Cesarewitch.

When the authorities grant permission, new programmes will be arranged. (In the last war racing was suspended from August 6 to August 26, 1914, and was resumed at Gatwick on August 28, and continued to the end of the season. A number of war time meetings were held at selected centres so that transport of horses and the public was reduced to the minimum. Substitute races for the Derby, Oaks and St. Leger were run at Newmarket, where extra meetings were held.)

More Vessels Torpedoed American Liners Aid In Rescues

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (UP).—Two American liners well known in Hongkong—the President Roosevelt and the President Monroe—participated in the rescue of the crews of two British steamers sunk by German U-Boats yesterday.

The American President liner President Roosevelt participated in the rescue of the crew of the steamer Influence, which was torpedoed off Cebu. The s.s. Manhattan also raced to the rescue of this ship, whose crew, however, was picked up by the Norwegian steamer Ida Bakke.

The President Roosevelt raced to rescue the crew of the 4,955-ton steamer Vancouver City. Before she arrived the crew were picked up by a Dutch tanker.

Successful Convoy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Sept. 14 (Reuters).—It is learned that convoy vessels bound for Scotland successfully eluded two enemy submarines which were about to attack, and arrived safely in port. It is stated that the movements of the submarines were detected some distance from the convoy and effective action was taken by the escort vessels.

Another Ship Torpedoed NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Reuters).—The 4,955-ton British steamer Vancouver City, which was torpedoed off Cebu, was rescued by the President Roosevelt and the s.s. Manhattan.

The American President liner President Roosevelt, which went to the rescue, later reported that the crew of the Vancouver City had been picked up by a Dutch tanker, assisted by an aeroplane.

German Submarines Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, Sept. 14 (UP).—Official reports here state that the Allies have sunk at least one, possibly two, German submarines.

It is estimated that between 20 and 25 German submarines are at present at large. If the present rate of destruction is kept up, the number

Later, the Japanese spokesman said that the conference resulted in the unanimous agreement that there is need for a revision in the existing defence plans, and that the Japanese Naval landing party be entrusted to the task of drafting the revised defence plans which will serve as a basis for future negotiations at an unspecified time.

He said that there were no demands nor concrete proposals made and that the conference was purely for the discussion of principles and referred to no particular area of the Settlement.

America Watching

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told the press that the United States is closely watching the developments at Shanghai, (including the meeting held there yesterday).

In response to a query as to whether President Roosevelt had informed Japan that the United States would oppose any unilateral change in Shanghai's status, Mr. Hull did not think the matter had reached that stage. He said he did not wish to comment on any of the delicate phases of the situation until the United States Representatives to the State Department had been notified.

He said that the United States Representatives had a range of initiative which, for example, would permit Admiral Hart to attend such a conference as was held in Shanghai. Mr. Hull said he had received advance information that the meeting would be held, but no details regarding the Japanese proposals have yet been received at the State Department. Meanwhile, observers recalled Mr. Hull's statement last week in discussing the Shanghai situation when he said that the United States had not modified its policy in the Orient. Observers recalled that the last United States note on this matter expressed flat opposition to any changes in the status of foreign powers in China except by negotiations and conferences in which all the powers concerned, including China, should be represented.

Saigon Team Arriving At Week-End

It was announced this morning that the friendly soccer match, arranged for Sunday, between Eastern and St. Joseph's has been cancelled. The reason is that the Saigon team, which was due to arrive in Hongkong last week, will now be here this week-end and will play the Eastern A.A. in the first of the three matches arranged for them in the Colony on Sunday.

On the following Saturday, the Saigon players will meet the Combined Chinese and on Sunday they will be opposed by the Rest of Hongkong.

Tribute To Patriot Bankers

PHILADELPHIA (U.P.).—Philadelphia recently unveiled a tablet in honour of the "Ninety-seven patriots" who founded a bank to purchase supplies for Washington's army. The bank was founded July 17, 1780, after the fall of Charleston, S. C., and the memorial will contain the names of the founders.

will have appreciably declined by the end of October.

Three Of Crew Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Sept. 15 (UP).—It is stated that three members of the torpedoed British steamer Vancouver City were killed.

The remainder of the crew were picked up after being three hours adrift in open boats.

Monroe Takes 204 Refugees To America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (UP).—TWO hundred and four American refugees have been evacuated from Genoa by the American President liner President Monroe.

In order to take off the refugees it was necessary to convert the President Monroe from a cargo to a passenger liner within a few hours. The refugees comprised 118 women and children and 86 men.

Because there were not enough sailors aboard the President Monroe to comply with the U.S. Navigation Regulations for passenger ships, all the men passengers were signed on the ship's articles, and were assigned to various tasks.

They were signed on at wages of US\$82.50 a month, which is equivalent to half the cost of the trans-Atlantic passage.

Mr. Walter Weinheimer, millionaire tycoon of the Calamba Sugar Corporation in the Philippines, served as a steward. "I enjoyed my work but broke a lot of dishes," he confessed.

Vivid Experience Of Warsaw Raids

Japanese Diplomat's Wife Describes Holocaust

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 15 (Domei).—VIVID first-hand accounts of the German bombings and the great confusion that ensued in Warsaw for the first five days of the war, and of the hazardous flight of the families of the Japanese Embassy staff from the Polish capital, are given in the "Asahi Shimbun" by Mrs. Itoko Sako, wife of the Japanese Ambassador at Warsaw, following her arrival at Moscow from Poland.

Mrs. Sako and her little boy, accompanied by other refugees from Warsaw, are shortly leaving Moscow en route home by the Siberian Railway.

"When war appeared imminent, we were urged on August 25 to evacuate Warsaw," Mrs. Sako begins. "My wives of the Japanese Embassy officials, however, were determined to stay by our husbands' sides and risk whatever fate might be in store for us despite the repeated advice given by Polish authorities."

"A day or two later, our Minister in Sweden, Mr. Shigeo Sugiyama, urged us to come to Sweden where we still have chances of sailing for home on the Yasukuni Maru which was standing by."

"We were still reluctant to leave, however, because we still doubted, at that time, whether any war would be declared. We heard that Anglo-German negotiations for a peaceful settlement had been resumed."

"This was the state of affairs in Warsaw until 9.30 on the morning of September 1. In a minute or two, however, the silence was shattered by shrieking sirens all over the city. We rushed into the Embassy grounds and counted 30 German planes high in the air with their silver wings gleaming in the sunlight."

"In another moment, dozens of bombs rained down from the blue sky and burst out all about us. Anti-aircraft batteries immediately went into action, while Polish planes also took to the air to engage the invaders."

"Our maid saw two German planes crash in flames after they were hit by Polish anti-aircraft shells. Bombardment was resumed by German planes on the following day."

"We were frightened and ran into the courtyard fearing that our own house might also be hit. The next day we were told once again to leave the threatened city with children."

"We finally decided to evacuate and on September 5 left Warsaw just before sunset in three automobiles and a truck."

"We have been allotted just enough gasoline to reach the Polish-Soviet frontier. Our party consisted of 16 persons including the families of the military attaché and the secretary of the Embassy, myself and my boy Hiroko. There were seven children among us. We had to buy milk for our children on the way."

Raid During Evacuation "The roads, filled with evacuees, were narrow, rutted and bumpy, making it impossible to drive fast. Even as we left the battered Polish capital in gathering dusk, German aircraft were carrying out another

Chief Justice Deals With Robbers, Returned Banishees And Attempted Murder At Sessions

HEAVY SENTENCES FOR CRIMINALS

SEVERAL cases were disposed of by the Chief Justice, Sir Althol MacGregor, at the criminal sessions which opened at the Supreme Court this morning.

Lenient treatment was meted out to Leung Fuk and Yeung Yip (female) who were charged with abandoning a child. The case had been partly heard and the Chief Justice said he would hear medical evidence on one point.

His Lordship said the only difficulty he had was that the child was abandoned soon after the woman had given birth. He asked whether it was reasonable to suppose that the giving of birth had unbalanced the woman's mind.

Dr. Cotrell: It is quite possible. His Lordship: Each of you has been in prison since May 9. I hope your experience there has been sufficient. I therefore impose a sentence of a month's hard labour on you to date from August 18, which means that you will be released in a few days.

Banishees Return Tam On pleaded guilty to returning from banishment. Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said the accused had four previous convictions for similar offences, plus four other convictions, two for stealing, one for loitering and one for possession of house-breaking implements. His criminal record went back to 1928. Accused admitted the previous convictions and was sent to prison for two years with hard labour.

Cheung Fat pleaded guilty to returning from banishment. The Chief Justice in sending him to prison for three years, described his record as a shocking one. It was stated that Cheung had 13 previous convictions, seven for returning from banishment and six others, mostly of the larceny character. His criminal record went back to 1925.

Prison For Gangster

Young Wai Pan, Cheng Cheuk Wah and Chan Kwong pleaded guilty to charges of robbery and possession of arms and ammunition. Asked what they had to say, one answered: "I do not know whether our leader had a licence from the Chinese Government for these rifles and revolvers. Our leader was killed." Sentence of three years on the first charge and one year on the second was passed.

Choi Choon and Fung Cheuk were charged with robbery by two or more at No. 5, Catchick Street, third floor, on June 15. It was alleged that they stole \$110 in Hongkong currency and \$7 in Chinese currency, a woman's wrist watch, a gold finger ring, a jade pendant and some other goods from Fung Sam and Tong Suk-wan.

The first accused said the idea of robbery was not his. He had been inspired by somebody else. He had been reluctant to start, but having once gone into it was obliged to carry on.

The second accused said he had always been an honest business man in Hongkong until this lapse. "However," he added, "I was not caught red-handed. I was then taken to the Police Station and was arrested. And it was as the result of my statement that the Police were able to bring this case up. I ask for leniency."

His Lordship said the first accused was not fit for forging. He would be sent to prison for three years. The second was sentenced to two years and nine months' imprisonment and twelve strokes of the cat. A third alleged accomplice is ill with typhoid in the prison hospital and will be brought up for trial at a subsequent session.

Bag-Snatching Sequel

"Why did you do this," asked the Chief Justice of Chan Hoi who had snatched a handbag from Mrs. Emily Wood, of Embankment Road.

"When the Japanese occupied Canton I came here as a refugee," said Chan. "Since then I have had nothing to do. I was unable to maintain myself and was obliged to do this. I had no food."

"You will get your meals for the next two years," said His Lordship. On August 21, when Mrs. Wood was walking along Waterloo Road Chan attacked her, snatched her face and snatched her handbag. Fong was also thrown at her face, but it did not get into Mrs. Wood's eyes. Chan was caught by a cook before he could escape.

Wong Wun-chung alias Wong Yuk-kong pleaded guilty to four charges. These were robbery in Wanchai Gap Road on July 25, robbery in Kennedy Road on July 28, attempting to murder an Indian constable, Salokhan Singh by shooting at him on July 28, and possession of an automatic pistol and five rounds of ammunition without a licence.

It was stated that while the constable Salokhan Singh was going up Monmouth Path a boy ran towards him and shouted "Snatching, snatching!" The constable saw the accused running down the path. During a chase Wong pulled out a pistol and fired and the shot just missed Salokhan Singh.

Mr. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said Wong's record went back to 1935. There were two convictions for larceny, two for loitering and two against the Deportation Ordinance. Mr. Abbott said that a few of the stolen articles had been recovered.

His Lordship: Your previous sentences don't seem to have taught you any sense. Now I will give you a longer term. I will do my utmost to give you a little of the fear and pain that you so callously gave others. You will get 18 strokes of the cat and two years' imprisonment on each charge.

Ring Lost 7 Years Found

MT. CARMEL, Pa. (UP).—While looking in a carnation patch for a ring lost by the daughter of some friends, Mrs. John Mitchell found a wedding ring she lost seven years ago. She lost it while she and her husband were pulling weeds from the patch, which then was planted with onions.

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These remarks were made by Mr. R. A. F. Forrest at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when he imposed a fine of \$25, or two months' hard labour, on Tsai Shu, lorry driver, for failing to stop his lorry when called upon by a Police Officer in uniform.

Sgt. C. Davies said the offence occurred in Connaught Road Central at 7.30 a.m. on September 3. When asked why he did not stop, defendant said he could not as he was employed by the Military.

Weekly Traffic Toll

During the week ending 6 a.m. on Saturday, there were in Hongkong 92 traffic accidents as the result of which a man was killed and 36 people were injured.

The man killed, a British soldier, died from injuries received when his lorry ran off the road. Of those injured, 25 were pedestrians crossing the road and struck by vehicles.

Two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. A bus passenger was injured when his bus ran into a verandah pillar. Four lorry passengers were injured on falling from moving lorries.

Two train passengers and a public car passenger were injured while alighting from moving trains and a moving public car respectively. A bus passenger was injured while attempting to board a moving bus.

Of 92 accidents, 35 were collisions between vehicles; 37 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 20 accidents were due to other causes. Type of vehicles involved.—Private motor car 42, Motor lorry 24, Motor bus 18, Public motor car 14, Motor cycle 5, Tramcar 14, Tricycle 4, Bicycle 4, Ricksha 2.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Docks and Trams continued to monopolize attention with a number of shares plunging hundreds round quotations. A fair spread of business through the list was also reported. At the close the pace has slackened a little, more scrip becoming available, but not at sacrifice prices.

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TIENTSIN INCIDENT

Alleged Ill-Treatment Of Japanese Woman

Tientsin, Sept. 14. Dissatisfied with the British reply to the original representations, the Japanese military authorities yesterday lodged their second protest with the local British authorities regarding the seizure of a Japanese woman's boat by British soldiers.

The British authorities, it is understood, promised to punish the soldiers who allegedly ill-treated the Japanese woman and seized her boat. The British note, however, denied that the Japanese woman was slapped, stating that the British soldiers did not know that she was a Japanese national. The note added that the British authorities have been commiserating with the Japanese Concession for some time.—Domet.

Tientsin Bandits

Tientsin, Sept. 14. A horde of about 90 bandits armed with revolvers and other weapons, made a surprise attack on the foreign Race Club in the suburbs of Tientsin on Tuesday evening.

During the three-hour fighting that ensued, 16 Chinese guards were killed and a Chinese and 36 White Russians were wounded, some of them seriously.

Japanese troops rushed to the scene and killed two of the outlaws driving away the rest.—Domet.

Consul Goes To Japan

Mr. Ono, the Japanese Consul in Hongkong, has left for Japan to report to the Foreign Office on the general situation in South China.

Ferry Service Stops

Owing to passenger traffic having fallen to between five and 10 people each trip, the Hongkong-Namtau Ferry Service was suspended yesterday. It had remained only a few days ago when the Japanese lifted the border blockade.

LATE NEWS

Witness Cautioned

Puisne Judge Threatens Gao For Contempt

"I can hold you for contempt of Court and I have the power to sentence you to three months' imprisonment," said Mr. Lindsell in the Summary Court yesterday at the hearing of a possession claim for the second floor of 18 Upper Lascar Row. Complainant was Tam Chung-wai, of Upper Lascar Row, represented by Mr. Silva, and defendant was Leung Pui, of Upper Lascar Row, represented by Mr. J. M. Hall.

Tam gave notice to all the tenants of all floors to quit on May 11, as a report had come in that the house was eaten by white ants. Leung occupied a small cubicle in the front part of the flat and sublet the rest of the floor to 10 tenants. The sub-tenants had all moved but Leung refused to move. Shortly after he had new sub-tenants come in.

Mr. Lindsell, in a previous hearing made an order for Leung to quit the premises without prejudice to his claim, and to come into possession when repairs had been completed at a rent to be fixed by the Court.

In the witness box, Leung denied using the premises as a brothel. He claimed his brother was arrested by the police at 18 Hollywood Road. Mr. Silva produced the police charge sheet with Leung's finger-prints. Leung insisted that he was falsely accused. Mr. Lindsell then cautioned Leung.

Mr. Silva asked that a temporary order be made for mesne profits to be paid within a week, up to August 18, the day Leung vacated the premises. Mr. Lindsell granted this.

WILL TAKE ACTION

Food Controller Asks For Specific Cases

Immediate action against comparators breaking the food price control laws was promised yesterday by the Controller of Food (Mr. R. R. Todd) who asked that the public communicate direct with him, giving specific instances.

"Vague generalities such as have been contained in recent correspondence to the Press are next to useless for Government enquiry," declared Mr. Todd. "Communications have been issued by the Board and have dealt extensively with the prices to be charged."

"The solution of the problem of exorbitant charges which has fallen on the shoulders of many householders is simple; direct communication with me and a statement of specific facts will receive my immediate attention and rectification."

"The airing of grievances in anonymous letters to the Press is useless for practical purposes," said Mr. Todd. "The Control Board is the only proper body to whom such letters should be addressed."

Mr. Todd said that, since the Government order had been published, a few people had communicated with the Control Board and immediate inquiry made into their complaints.

CONSTABLE WARNED Must Not Use Excessive Force in Arrests

"You are entitled to use as much force as is necessary to effect arrest and no more" was the caution voiced by Mr. Edwards to a constable at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when Kwong Kwong, 19, unemployed, was charged with having stolen a fountain pen from Hung King-ying, 20, fohi.

Hung said he was in Graham Street when Kwong and an accomplice jostled him. He heard the click of his pen and saw Kwong delving into a basket of vegetables near by. A Chinese constable, who said he saw Kwong steal the pen, gave Kwong two blows on the chest and told him to pick the pen from the vegetables. Kwong denied his guilt.

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Wardens.—T. Ferguson, Wong Sik-kuen, H. W. Mills, H. G. Azome, T. F. Ingram, Mrs. O. M. Bird.

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